



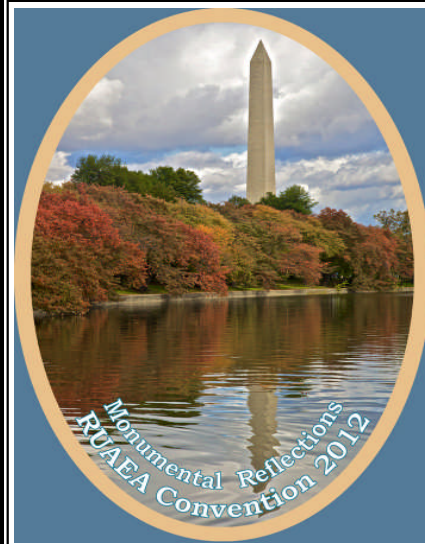
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**RUAEA**  
**2012**  
**Convention**  
**Oct. 3-7**

**M**ake the 2012 Convention a Family Vacation!

The Washington, DC area is such a wonderful destination for all ages. The Convention Committee is encouraging retirees to bring their families and is pleased to announce that the Banquet Dinner has discounted options for children 12 and under. They will have a choice of 3 selections: Chicken Fingers, Pasta, and Grilled Chicken all served with a salad and dessert for just \$20.00. If you still have not mailed in your registration form, please write in the meal and enclose the amount in your registration total. If you are interested in more information, contact the committee at [2012was@gmail.com](mailto:2012was@gmail.com).

Hopefully, you have read through the June Newsletter and the Convention Package and have filled out your registration form and will be mailing it shortly. There are still some limited rooms available on September 30, October 1-2 and 7<sup>th</sup>. If you are planning on coming in early or staying later, you should book as soon as possible. All the tours are great and guarantee a good time. During the trip to Annapolis, you will be witnessing the oldest and largest, new in-water boat show in the world.

Many of us have had the experience of traveling using the new program instituted three months ago. United has started new service DCA-SFO and other ZED carriers have started new service from the West Coast. As stated in the Convention Package, there are numerous and varied ways to arrive in the DC Metro area. We encourage you to explore all these options in your travels to the Convention.

We look forward to celebrating our lasting success with all of you who have given so much to making United an industry leader for so many years and add our support in maintaining this position for many years to come!

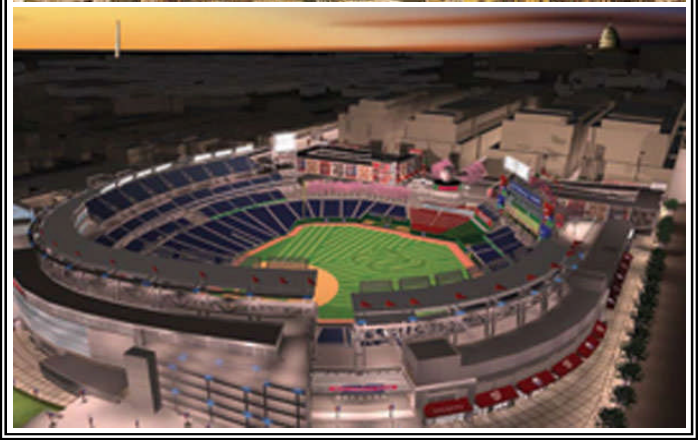
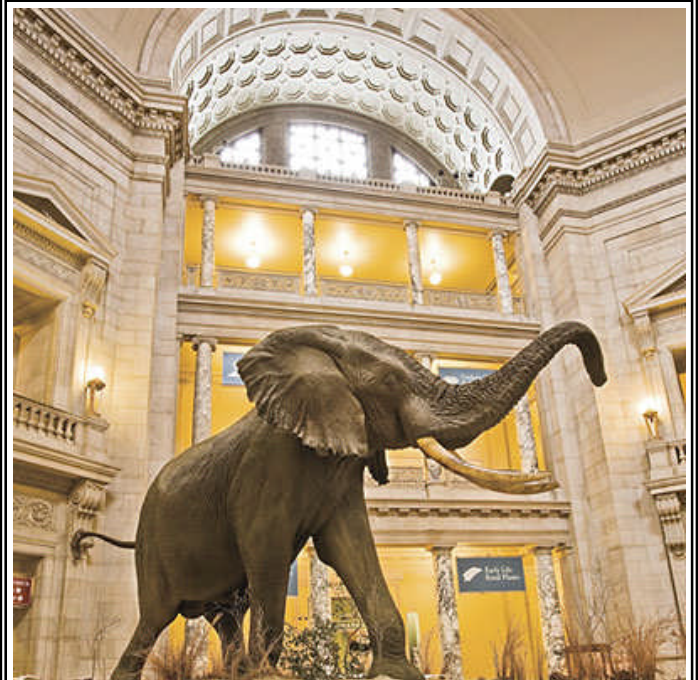
See you in October.

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# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter From The President



As we move into summer, we look forward to the RUAEA Convention in the early fall, October 3-7. Plans are moving forward and folks are making plans and reservations. Last month we published the Convention Package which includes available tours and meal choices for the Saturday night Banquet. The Hyatt Regency at Crystal City is beautiful and in a great location. Three airports serve the area, DCA, IAD and BWI. Of course, DCA is very close to the hotel but transportation is readily available from the other two airports. ZED fares are available on all other airlines serving these airports. RUAEA's annual Business Meeting and our well attended Benefits Panel will take place on Saturday morning, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Washington DC should be a good place to visit this fall. Most of the politicians should be out of town campaigning and we will hope for beautiful fall days. Hope to see many of you there.

Last month, we reported the closure of the three Travel Desks on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Some resourceful retirees in Seattle in 1995 decided that they could volunteer some of their time to help other retirees with pass travel listings. The company was obliging in providing computer equipment and space for these volunteers to work. Three years later in 1997, a group in Portland began similar operations. RUAEA and RUPA have supported these Travel Desks by paying their phone bills. About six years ago, volunteers in Chicago were able to begin operations to help out the other two sites. Over the years, these dedicated volunteers have helped untold retiree travelers. Without their assistance some folks would not have been able to travel. Well over a 100 volunteers have been a part of these Travel Desks over the years. Unfortunately, some have passed away, but we all owe a debt of gratitude to all those who were part of this activity. With change from Apollo to Shares in March, the company has decided that they can no longer provide space, equipment or the ability to access the system to these Travel Desks.

To paraphrase a recent email I received, *"It is a sad day indeed to have terminated a service offered freely by volunteers to aid other UAL retirees. Volunteers were the personification of the original UAL hirees who came to the airline because they cared and wanted to help travelers. How different the work ethic is now, everyone is in it for their own benefit ... the new UAL will not allow you good people to assist other retirees who are not familiar with computers and making travel plans even though it costs NOTHING or next to NOTHING! So, sadly, ends an era but you will find some other way of helping ... for the SPIRIT lives on."*

Finally, we again are thankful for the continued support of our members. Encourage your fellow retirees and active employees 55 and older to come join us. Numbers will make a difference. Continue to check our website [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) and the Newsletter for accurate information.

**Ron Bertacini**  
**President – RUAEA**

## Corrections to the Convention Package

Please note the following corrections to the 2012 RUAEA Convention Package published in the June 2012 Newsletter. We apologize for any inconveniences this has caused:



**PLEASE!!  
NOTE**

- Cover page - paragraph two, sentence two "*Metro is only 10 blocks from the hotel ...*"
- Page C-3 - First paragraph, the correct email is [ualemp5936@aol.com](mailto:ualemp5936@aol.com), the **m** is missing from com.
- Page C-3 - Last paragraph, the correct email is [els1986@verizon.net](mailto:els1986@verizon.net), the **t** is missing from net.
- Page C- 4 - Web address for hotel should read <http://resweb.passkey.com/go/ruaea2012>.
- Page C-5 - Last sentence, the correct email address is [etc@united.com](mailto:etc@united.com) instead of [etc.united.com](mailto:etc.united.com).

- Page C-10 - Arlington National Cemetery website is incomplete. It should be [www.arlingtoncemetery.mil](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil).
- The White House correct website should be [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) and [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov).
- The Washington Nationals website is [www.washingtonnationals.mlb.com](http://www.washingtonnationals.mlb.com).

### **SFO Family Day Celebration Seeks Retiree Volunteers**



Preparations for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual United Airlines Family Day at the San Francisco Maintenance Base are off to a flying start! In conjunction with San Francisco Fleet Week, this year's Family Day is scheduled for Sunday, October 7, 2012. The event - featuring live music, airplane and engine displays, a plane pull contest and the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels - has grown tremendously in popularity over the last several years. A record 17,000 guests were in attendance at the event last fall!

Details on general wristband distribution will be announced later this summer. However, one great way to guarantee your spot in Family Day is to volunteer for the event. Volunteer shifts are typically only a couple hours so that you have an opportunity to enjoy Family Day as well.

We are certainly very proud of and grateful for our retirees' continued service to United and hope to continue to get a big showing of retiree volunteers at Family Day.

Sign up to be a volunteer by filling out a survey found at <http://bit.ly/SF-FamilyDay>. For general inquiries about Family Day, email [SF-FamilyDay@united.com](mailto:SF-FamilyDay@united.com).

### **Capt. Denny Fitch, Flight 232 hero, died**



Retired Capt. Denny Fitch, one of the pilots credited with saving lives when United Flight 232 crashed at SUX (Sioux City, Iowa) in 1989, died Monday, May 7, at his home in St. Charles, IL.

Denny served as a pilot for 36 years with United, most of that time at ORD, and as a DC-10 flight instructor. He was a passenger on Flight 232 when it lost all hydraulic power July 19, 1989, flying from DEN to ORD.

Denny joined the crew in the cockpit and *"pulled every aeronautical trick out of the book to help the pilots get the aircraft on the ground,"* a local newspaper reported.

The jet crash-landed into SUX airport and veered into a cornfield, killing 111 people, but Denny's and the flight crew's resourcefulness in bringing the crippled aircraft down saved 185 lives and became legend in the aviation world.

### **Why competition in 2015 means cuts at IAH in 2012**



Throughout the debate on the development of HOU (Hobby-Houston) as an international airport, United has made the point that a competing international airport at HOU would result in a diversion of passengers it carries today to Hobby.

This would drive a reduction of 1,300 jobs at United and its partner airlines at IAH (roughly 800 jobs today and 500 jobs in the future). UAL expects to begin a 10 percent reduction in planned IAH capacity beginning with the fall 2012 schedule change.

Some of you have asked, *"Why so soon, if Southwest does not intend to fly international flights out of HOU until 2015?"* Here's why: There is a segment of United's operation at IAH that is not profitable today. The company has operated these flights expecting that future growth will improve the routes and make them profitable. As a result of the city's decision to develop HOU as a competing international airport, the growth will not occur and, as a result, UAL will cut unprofitable flying in its schedule now rather than continue to lose money with no expectation of improvement.



*“These are the kind of tough decisions we make every day,” said Network SVP Greg Hart. “We have a responsibility to our investors and all of our employees to invest where we have the best opportunity of generating profits.”*

The changes would reduce current capacity at IAH by about 6 percent with reductions planned for several domestic and international markets. The other 4 percent of the 10 percent reduction in planned capacity will come as a result of not starting service that was part of our longer-term plan for IAH. A competing international airport will have a material impact on the long-term profitability of IAH and the planned-for growth won't generate the necessary profits to justify the investment in the flying.

### **United announced further progress in labor negotiations**



United has reached several new agreements for employees represented by the International Association of Machinists (IAM). UAL also announced that airport ground handling work currently performed by outside vendors at five airports - BUF (Buffalo), DTW (Detroit), FLL (Fort Lauderdale), RSW (Fort Myers, Fla.) and SMF (Sacramento, Calif.) - will now be done by United Airlines co-workers.

United and the IAM reached tentative agreement for an initial collective bargaining agreement covering pilot ground school instructors from the CO subsidiary. These co-workers will vote on the agreement in the coming weeks. United also reached an agreement with the IAM regarding the work performed by airport customer service agents that will facilitate the integration and strategic redeployment of aircraft pursuant to United's single operating certificate and combined passenger service system. In addition, United and the IAM executed an agreement providing for, among other things, seniority integration of the combined group of storekeepers.

### **Easy Does It – Shrimp Pasta Salad**



**Helen Cain**

**I promise you:** This Main Dish Salad will bring you raves. Cook the **pasta**, thaw the **shrimp**, and do the little bit of chopping the day before combine everything, refrigerate overnight, and you can serve 12 hungry and appreciative people the next day. Really: There won't be a drop left over. And you can easily halve it to serve 6.

**Preparation:** Cook a 1 lb. bag of **salad macaroni** (3½ cups uncooked) for approximately 10 min. in 4 qts. boiling water with 2 Tablespoons olive or vegetable oil and one chicken or beef bouillon cube. Drain.

Purchase and thaw in refrigerator a 2½ lb. bag of small size cooked **shrimp**. Costco and Smart & Final have fairly decent pricing. **Shrimp** will be watery after thawing and opening the bag, so squeeze the moisture out with your hands. If you have it, sprinkle 1/3 cup bottled or fresh **lemon juice** over **shrimp**.

Thoroughly chop the following: 6 whole **green onions**, 6 stalks fresh **celery** and one bunch **parsley**.

Combine in a colorful and very large bowl: **Shrimp**, one whole 30 oz. jar of Best Foods **Mayonnaise** (not the “light” variation), and one small box or bag of **frozen peas** (do not thaw peas). Add all chopped greens. **Salt** and **pepper** to taste. Cover and refrigerate overnight so that flavors mingle.

That's it and the next day you're ready to go partying or to have one! Happy Summertime!

### **Flight 93 Memorial Chapel**



More than 1000 cities & towns have requested steel from the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center. Besides the memorials for the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and the Flight 93 Memorial, the following have completed memorials with the steel from the Twin Towers: Memorials Park, Lake Charles, LA; 9/11 Memorial, Lansing MI; Texas State Cemetery, Austin, TX; 9/11 Memorial, Windemere, FL; California State Fair Grounds, Sacramento, CA; Montgomery County Courthouse, Norristown, PA; St. Patrick County Park, South Bend, IN; 9/11 Memorial, Parsippany, NJ;

Liberty Garden, Dodge City, KS.

To donate with the Retired United Airlines Employees Association to the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel, make check payable to 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to: Frank J. Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown, Square, PA 19073.

Thank you for your generous support over the years.

### **Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter**



Francis Domaratius

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month**. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (***Note:** Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7<sup>th</sup> are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net), please copy Francis Domaratius at [ruaeaneewsletter@surewest.net](mailto:ruaeaneewsletter@surewest.net) and John Chu at [johnqchu@hotmail.com](mailto:johnqchu@hotmail.com) or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

*Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager.* Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

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## **LOCAL NEWS**

### **ALABAMA**



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Our Florida/Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter did not meet in May. Several of our members had conflicts in May due to graduations, retirement parties and other events. A discussion was held trying to find a suitable date and finally, it was decided that we would cancel the May meeting.

Our June meeting will be on the second Thursday instead of our usual third Thursday. We will meet June 14<sup>th</sup> in the Cubi Bar Café at 11:30 AM.

**Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** will continue with her program teaching us all the ins and outs of listing for flights and all the other new procedures. We all appreciate her knowledge and patience!

If you are planning a trip to the Gulf Coast beaches during the next several months, please give me a call to find out exactly when we will be meeting. During the summer months, we do change our dates quite often. Normally our meetings are the third Thursday of each month and we always meet at the Cubi Bar Café in the National Naval Aviation Museum at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL.

Calendar:

**July 19 - 11:30 AM.**

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Our meeting for the month of May was held at the home of **Ken & Beverly Yeager's** daughter, **Kimberly**, in Liberty Park. We all thank her so much for opening up her gorgeous home in this lovely gated community in the Birmingham area. What a wonderful treat for all of us!

We had a brief meeting before the "fun stuff" started. Our new president, **Bobby Cox**, opened up the meeting by welcoming our members and guests. Membership turnout was great! **Bobby & Jean's** daughter, **Lisa**, was a guest. Also, **Charlotte Gibson** brought **Pat Harmon**, a retiree considering joining our group. **Jean Cox** won the 50/50 drawing. **Gay Fowler** invited all of us to join a day trip she planned for the "Newcomers of Birmingham Club" to Noccalula Falls near Gadsden, Alabama. Gay loves to show others the smaller sights and cities of our beautiful state of Alabama.

Our luncheon was catered by Zoe's Kitchen. What a treat! Located in 12 states with over 50 locations, this franchise is very different from the usual "fast food" concept. They have original recipes with ingredients fresh from the garden and made from scratch onsite at each location. It's Mediterranean-inspired comfort food with customer's dietary concerns in mind - nothing fried with gluten-free and vegetarian options. We enjoyed Chicken kabobs with rice and Greek style salad. Delicious!

Our hostess, Kimberly, also has a wonderful business featuring "bite-size" pound cakes. If you are looking for a great and unusual gift for someone, check out her website at: [www.pollypetite.com](http://www.pollypetite.com). I've sampled the cakes and you will not be disappointed. Outstanding!

**I stand corrected!** I received a call from fellow retiree **Don Sullivan** in regards to my articles featuring The Irondale Café (The Original WhistleStop Café). The Irondale Café in Irondale, Alabama was the setting for the wonderful novel by Fannie Flagg, "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistlestop Café". Ms. Flagg's great Aunt Bess owned the Irondale Café and the novel was based on her experiences growing up around the café in Irondale. The movie "Fried Green Tomatoes" was shot at a location in Juliette, Georgia. They also claim to be The Original Whistlestop Café. I think they both deserve the distinction of being called "original". Thank you Don for bringing this to my attention.

A special thanks to all of our "regular" retiree members, spouses and friends for continuing to make "Sweet Home Alabama" a great group of former colleagues and friends. If you live in Alabama, and you are not a part of our group, please consider joining us. Contact **Judy Slover** at (334) 322-1161 or [judyslover@mindspring.com](mailto:judyslover@mindspring.com).

June Anniversaries: **Joe & Marie Duncan** (6/11), **Travis & Zoe Glass** (6/23).

Calendar:

**July** - No meeting

## ARIZONA



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Hi from sunny and veeeeerrrrrry warm Arizona. Hope everyone is having a good summer.

Our "breakfast club" is still meeting every other Tuesday 0800 at Coco's on 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell Rd. Last count Tuesday was 12 members, no wonder they meet early in the morning before the sun gets a chance to "warm" things up. They had a visitor, **Tom Kalfa**, who joined them for breakfast. Tom and **Mike Richards** (our Azures President) worked together in JFK and then LAXSW.

**Sonny Carnes** has a new email address: [ac.bc.carns@hotmail.com](mailto:ac.bc.carns@hotmail.com).

**Vic Liltz** finally recovered from his dizzy spells, either because of a “steroid pac” from our internist (maybe for an inner ear problem) or the “vertigo” exercises given to him by a friend with the same recurring problem. No matter, he feels 100% better.

The **Liltzes** and **Vivian Klick** were the guests of **Joe & Lisa Hopkins** at Verrado in Buckeye, AZ for breakfast before Joe and Lisa “snowbirded” away to Chicago for the summer. It was a lovely morning on the patio in Verrado at “The Raven” restaurant, and conversation is always good. Next time it’s Vivian’s treat, just kidding! Or, the Liltzes!

All the Azures’ snowbirds are back in their hometowns, as are a lot of Arizonans, so shopping and roads are a little quieter. Most are gone between 3-5 months. Right now, I’m writing from Palatine, IL where I am “dog and bunny” sitting for the kids while they are celebrating my son-in-law’s parent’s (Jan (ORDCS) & **Jack Storm**) 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Hawaii. Congratulations to Jan & Jack for a wonderful 50 years. Vic and I will celebrate 10 years in November which went by so fast.

#### Calendar:

Coco’s breakfast meetings 8:00AM. Location – 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell roads. Call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 for reservations.

**July 3** – Breakfasts

**July 17** – Breakfast

**July 31** - Breakfast

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**Happy Fourth of July!** We hope all of you have a nice Holiday. If you are planning to be around the Phoenix area this summer, we’re still meeting for Breakfast the fourth Friday of the summer months. We had planned a different location and a different day of the week, but that has changed. At our last Breakfast on May 25<sup>th</sup>, it was decided to go back to Crackers and Co. Cafe at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa for the summer months and decide later on another restaurant that can accommodate a larger group. So, if you’re available, please join us on the fourth Friday for Breakfast starting at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to bring a guest, please do.

We encourage any United or Continental Airlines person that has worked for either airline at any time and is of retirement age of 55 or more, to come and join us any time. You are always welcome. If you have any questions about our chapter, please contact our President, **Shirley Claggett**, via email at [indind75@yahoo.com](mailto:indind75@yahoo.com) or our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by email at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

We had 20 members at our last Breakfast at Crackers on Greenfield Road. It was good to have some members back with us after having health problems; they are **Ed Dawes**, **Tony Ribeiro**, and **John Tiefel**. We hope you will be able to continue to join us. Our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, said she had talked with **Doris Ailshie** recently and that **El** is not doing well. She said her husband would love to hear from those who remember him. Please send any cards to her at 9255 N. Magnolia, Space 293, Santee, CA 92071, and she will take it to him at the nursing home.

Our members, **Fred & Ginny Rockenhauser**, are looking for someone to take over their duties. **Fred** has been our “Sheriff”, and **Ginny** our “Historian”. They are willing to train anyone willing to take over for them. Please consider doing this; it’s not a hard job.

The registration packet for the **RUAEA** Convention in Washington D. C. from Oct. 3 – 7, was in the June Newsletter issue. You will find everything you need to register for the convention, choose your tours, and opt for the menu of your choice for the banquet on Saturday evening, October 6<sup>th</sup>. You can also find this information online at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) on the home page. Remember, you do not have to be a **RUAEA** member or a retiree to participate. The Convention is open to other branches of the United Family, including retirees from Continental Airlines. The deadline for the hotel and the Convention at the **Hyatt Regency** in Crystal City, VA is **Friday, August 31, 2012**. Please refer to **RUAEA** when calling the Hyatt Central Reservation line at 1-888-421-1442. You can also make reservations online at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/RUAEA2012>. Mail your completed Registration Form and Check to: **2012 RUAEA Convention, c/o Kerrie Schneider, 9085 Baber Drive, Manassas, VA 20112**. Your check should be made out to **2012 RUAEA Convention**. The hotel

has a complimentary shuttle to National Airport (DCA) and the Crystal City Metro. There are a number of tours set up, so be sure to check those out. Our Re-United's Chapter has eleven people so far who are planning to attend.

We hope you are still picking up items for the Fantasy Flight, which will be in early December, as well as books for the sale at the airport in October. If you have any questions, please contact **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by email at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

The following members have Birthdays in July: **Veronica Kundit** (7/7), **Ted Higley** (7/9), **Fred Rockenhauser** (7/14), **Barbara Hartough** (7/16), **Don Eiken** (7/24), **Pinky Kubiak** (7/27), and **Liz Wilson** (7/29). Happy Birthday and Best Wishes! We have no known Wedding Anniversaries this month.

Calendar:

**July 27** – Breakfast at Crackers & Co. Cafe, 535 W. Iron Ave, Mesa (Off of Highway 60 and Arizona Ave), starting at 9:00 a.m. (**Note:** This is a change. We used to meet here before we changed to Crackers on Greenfield Road.)

**August 24** – Breakfast

**September 28** - Breakfast



**TALL PINES**

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Greetings to all from the Prescott Tall Pines Chapter!

Twenty members were present at the May luncheon meeting held at the Lone Spur Café in beautiful downtown Prescott.

We enjoyed good food and lively conversation. Topic of discussion was plans for our June picnic, the results of which will appear in the August newsletter.

Calendar:

**July 17** – 11:00AM Luncheon/Meeting at the Lone Spur Café in downtown Prescott

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There were 30 Roadrunners and guests at our May 17<sup>th</sup> luncheon at the Harvest Moon Restaurant located in the Oro Valley Market Place. **Alice & Pete Pelez** selected this fine venue and we all wish to thank them for hosting this event.

Our guest at the luncheon was **Sandy Lawyer**'s mother, **Ann Borucki** who is a new member of the Sun City Oro Valley clan. Ann also was a winner of the 50/25/25 drawing along with **Peggy Kuhn**. Way to go girls.

**Pat & Rich Delallo** will host the June 21<sup>st</sup> luncheon at the Bio Tuscan Grill in the Tucson Mall. Starting time is 11:00 AM and the lunch will begin at 11:30 AM. Pat will need a head count by June 18<sup>th</sup>. Phone (520) 825-7370.

Calendar:

**June 21** - Bio Tuscan Grill, Tucson Mall

**July 19** - Thunder Canyon Brewery, Foothills Mall

**August 16-18** - Pine Top in the White Mountains



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This is the month that our membership did not meet. In our future meetings, we will be missing three of our dearest members. **Bob Stanger**'s mother passed away last month and she will always be remembered as a regular at our gatherings with her smile and quiet personality. She missed her 99<sup>th</sup> (?) birthday by a few days. Bob & Marcia hosted a group of her friends at their home on May 16<sup>th</sup> to celebrate her life and memories. Most of our Chapter was present as well as many friends and Bob said that with all the invitations that were sent out, very few were unable to attend. I think this showed just how much Isabelle was loved by all.

**Bill & Dana Noyes** sent out an email with the results of their move. They are now settled in their new location and it appears they could not be happier. Bill was able to apply for his Missouri's driver's license, which he passed, this made his day. Dana doesn't have to cook or clean and they get breakfast and dinner plus a 1-hour happy hour every day. They have met very friendly people. There are so many activities, where they live, that they haven't been able to take advantage of them as yet. Their address is: 3457 Tesson Ferry Rd. Apt. 229, St. Louis, MO 63128-4057. Phone: (314) 842-5080, email: [wnoyes@yahoo.com](mailto:wnoyes@yahoo.com). I'm sure they would be happy to hear from their old friends.

Our next meeting will be hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger** on June 20<sup>th</sup> at their home.

#### Calendar:

**June 20** – Meeting, hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**.

### BRAZEN RAISINS

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The Brazen Raisins' May meeting was hosted marvelously by the one and only (thankfully) **Dick Shryock**.

Sunshine Lady **Hazel Hayes** reported that she had talked to **Helen Follansbee** and that she and **Curt** are doing well but are unable to attend our meetings. **Gil Gilbert**, who had missed a number of meetings, attended and he's doing much better. **Mauricio & Carmensol Rebbein** also put in an appearance after missing many meetings.

There was another discussion about pass travel on UAL. **Dick Hayes** read a cowboy poem title "The Range" using chapter members' names in it. President **Elida Rivas** talked about [travelzoo.com](http://travelzoo.com) which offers great prizes on many trips, including airfares. Elida and **Dick Shryock** told jokes!



### DESERT SUNBIRDS

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The Villagio, a new Italian/Pizza Restaurant in Palm Desert, was the scene for the Desert Sunbirds' May Meeting/Luncheon. Hosted by **Dee Whately** and **Carole Paquin**, with an assist from **Betty Rodgers**, forty four members and guests enjoyed menu items, including meat loaf, various sub-sandwiches, and of course, pizza.

New members **Bill & Lia Schultz** brought guests **Werner** (SFOQA - Retired) & **Brigitte Brunken**, who promptly became new members themselves. **Jerry & Sheryl Weiss** (both LAXCS - Retired) were at the luncheon, literally in the middle of moving to our desert, also joined the Sunbirds. **Sima Gates** (LAXSW - Retired) came to the luncheon with a friend, **Yvonne Calkins**. Sima also joined up, but because she lives in San Clemente (2½ hour drive?), will not be able to attend regularly. But she promises that when she's visiting Yvonne, who lives here in the desert, that she'll make an appearance. **Vern Behnke** brought **Pat Wieclawski**, and I brought **Marji**. **Gil & Marianne Patterson** attended their last luncheon before escaping to Connecticut, to beat the heat.

Congratulations and good luck to **Sandy Sereno**, who accepted the responsibility to publish our Desert Sunbirds' Newsletter. President Elaine has been faithfully getting the publication out for 23 years. Thanks Sandy, on behalf of all our members.

**Ray & Flo Slivestri** had to cancel the luncheon - Ray with neuropathy in his foot, and Flo with possible lingering pneumonia.

Our Birthday winner was **Brad Zittel**; **Pat Wieclawski** won \$80.00 in the 50/50. There were other prizes as well. Two (lunch for 2 - Villagio) went to **Sima Gates** and **Scoobie Wolfe**. Three bottles of wine went to **Jerry Weiss**, **Mark Kaplan**, and **Glen Voirol**; and I won a paperweight. I'm more of a welterweight, but that's another story.

#### Calendar:

**July 11** – TBA, hosted by **Fred & Jan Kellerhals**

**August 8** – TBA, hosted by **Melinda & Ron Lerg**

#### GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on May 30 at the Sizzlers in Auburn. This was hosted by **Orville & Carolyn Harshbarger**. We had 51 Gold Diggers attending and no guests. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked the Harshbargers for hosting. We have 3 new members: **Carolyn Alva** and **Richard & Karin Bresett**. Richard told us about his history with United.

#### *Officer's Reports:*

President **Terry Greenacre** continued his segment of "little known facts". These are facts about our members with United or outside United – Guess Who? When United Airlines closed the maintenance base in Cheyenne, Wyoming in 1948, he moved out to the San Francisco area – **Terry Greenacre**.

VP **Orville Harshbarger** thanked everyone for filling the luncheon spots for 2012. We still need a host for October.

Secretary **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for May: The only one that was 50 years and over: **Terry & Penny Greenacre**. **Bob Eggert** led us in the anniversary song.

Treasurer **Judie King** gave our Chapter balance.

Sunshine **Angie Dellinger** sent a card to **Velma Stough** that we were thinking of her; also a get well card to **Darryl Stroud**.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** reported that she is passing around the picture books of members. Everyone should be in the book now.

Roster Chairman **Jack Raynor** is not with us today.

RUAEA President **Ron Berticini** is not with us today.

Northern California & Nevada Director **John Zoboli** touched on the following subjects: Picnic date to Sand Harbor at Lake Tahoe has been changed to August 20<sup>th</sup>; annual maintenance get-together in Minden, NV will be August 22<sup>nd</sup>; RUAEA convention will be in Crystal City, VA October 3-7 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel; instructions for using the new pass program are available on [RUAEA.org](http://RUAEA.org); travel desks were shut down; deadline to certify dependents for healthcare coverage is now July 27; ZED ticketing is available for Frontier, Hawaiian, Spirit and Era Alaska; Employment verification letters are no longer needed for Southwest, US Airways and JetBlue; DEN service has been expanded to include Grand Forks, ND and year round to Anchorage; UA is back

in the food service business as Chelsea Food Service. Kitchens in Cleveland, Denver, Houston, Newark and Honolulu.

Calendar:

**June 27** – Beermans in Lincoln hosted by **Len & LaVerne Haubl**

**July 25** – Chang Brothers in Auburn hosted by **Glenn & Alice McPeak**



### HANGTOWN MINERS

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Wow! What a beautiful setting for our May luncheon. **Jim Raber** hosted the get-together. Many thanks to Jim for doing a great job. The view was lush, the food was delicious and company, of course, was great!

Once everyone had finished their meals, our president, **Jon Somplack** brought the May meeting to order. Jon extended an extra Thank You to **Rosemary Heier** and **Jane Gibson** for their efforts to keep Hangtown Miners up and running. We had 34 people in attendance with 3 guests: **Carolyn Woolston, Andrea Almuete** and **Rosalie Ward**. If I got any of those wrong, I apologize. It's always so nice to have friends of members attend and get to know our group. Of course, they are welcome to join if they are UAL employees/retirees.

*Old Business* ~ **Rosemary Heier** put out a request for some help with locating a place to hold our December luncheon. She is looking for a facility that is Placerville's altitude or lower so we have a better chance of not getting snowed out (that happened a couple years ago!). Since we are planning for that luncheon to be a potluck, we need a place that will allow us to bring in food. Some locations were suggested and Rosemary will follow thru to see where will be the best place.

**Tom Kenny** reported that 33 of our 46 members have paid their dues. **Jane Gibson** will follow up by calling the members whom we have not heard from yet. I thank you for getting the roster information sheets back to us. If you know of any retirees who you think may be interested in joining our group, please let them know about an upcoming luncheon, they're sure to have a good time catching up with old friends.

We had three months this year that weren't spoken for to host, July, September and November. **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** volunteered to host November but at this point, we do not have a place to go for the other two. If you are willing to do either of these months, please let us know. Also, between **Rosemary Heier** (530-676-1811) and **Alice Somplack** (530-672-1875), they have an extensive list of restaurants that have been used before and could be contacted. Give either of them a call for suggestions and we can get a date set up - remember, we try for the second Monday of each month.

Well, our by-laws are done! **Tom Kenny** did not receive any feedback on the revised by-laws that were sent to each of our members. A vote was taken to ratify these by-laws and it was unanimously voted to accept them. Our secretary certified them and Tom will send them in to the government along with a 2 year estimate of our funds, oh, and the check too!

**Jack Raynor** reminded everyone that the Minden, NV maintenance get together is quickly approaching. It will be Wednesday, August 22 and Thursday, August 23. I will attach an information sheet to these minutes. It is well attended and a lot of fun!

No new business, at this time.

*President's Report* ~ Jon brought with him a couple boxes of beautiful books titled "The Age Of Flight" by William Garvey & David Fisher. They were rescued from the trash! Don't know if there's any left (they were free) but you can ask Jon.

*Vice President's Report* ~ Rosemary will be handling the drawing from now on for us. Thank you to the Limas for taking care of this up to now. The selection of items is always interesting and varied. Should you pick up an item while out shopping and then decide it isn't going to work out after all, think of the drawing! Some folks have been doing "spring cleaning" and find a treasure that is still in great condition but they don't use it any longer - maybe someone else could put it to good use.

*Treasurer's Report* ~ Tom tells us that our checking account stands at \$945.25. This includes the money from this month's raffle.

*Sunshine Report* ~ Yeah! We have a Sunshine Lady! **Marge Raynor** has volunteered for this position. Marge reported that **Darryl Stroud** has not been well, but, thankfully, he is doing better now.

*Historian Report* ~ For the time being, **Jon Somplack** is acting as our Historian. Anyone interested in this position?

Our longest report comes from RUAEA via **John Zoboli** ~ John congratulated **Tom Kenny** for following thru with the tedious, but needed, work getting our chapter established as a 501c organization.

The 2012 Sand Harbor at Lake Tahoe picnic date has been changed to August 20<sup>th</sup>. The sign up forms will be available the first of July.

The RUAEA convention will be in Crystal City, VA October 3 - 7 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Tours have been organized. The reservation package is available now online at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) and was published in the June Newsletter.

Lots of stuff floating around regarding the new UAL. Most can be checked out at RUAEA website [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org).

The instructions for using the new pass program are available on the RUAEA website. It was also mentioned that if you have any trouble with your outbound arrangements, then the program cancels your return! You will need to go to a CSR for help! There's been lots of frustration with those trying to use the ZED fare and with the new rules for priority in boarding.

An "April Fools" letter was sent spoofing the new reservation system now being used by UAL. Sadly, it actually sounded very accurate.

Latest on the Travel Desks is that they will be shut down. The company was concerned about the use of the SHARES codes. (SHARES is the name of the CO res. system)

Deadline to certify dependents for healthcare coverage is now July 27<sup>th</sup>.

The large United Airlines sign on the west wall of the MOC has been re-lit using LED lights. It has been dark since 2001. They selected 7 senior Base employees to be involved with the re-lighting.

If you do not belong to RUAEA, now is a good time to join. There is strength in numbers. I will attach a copy of their application to this newsletter. Thank you, John, for your time and information.

Our meeting adjourned and the drawing began. Thank you to the **Czapkeys, Kenneys, Kennys, Buschman, Biro, Heier, Ames, Limas, Raynor, Gibsons, Ouchies** and **Judie L.** for your raffle donations. **Ann Czapkey** was the winner of the blue ticket!

Congratulations to **Jon & Alice Somplack** who celebrated their 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Our June luncheon/meeting will be at the Akin Ranch in Placerville which will be hosted by **Ed & Lindalee Akin** and **Suzie Quinnell**. Be sure to scroll down past the pictures to get the information on this event - If you haven't been to this luncheon, be sure to go - it's always a lot of fun.

## **REDWOOD EMPIRE**

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Our luncheon was held on May 10<sup>th</sup> at Rancho Nicasio. **Ann Sullivan** and **Joan Sheehan** were the hosts for 29 members and 8 guests.

At 1:00 PM President Barney welcomed everyone and thanked our hostesses and then gave us an update on **Pat Cadden**. Barney spoke with Pat earlier this week and said he was in amazingly good spirits after all he has been through. He is still at Brookdale Place On Chanate – 3250 Chanate Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. His unit number is 304. The unit previously reported was incorrect.

VP **George Schwind** introduced our guests: **Lee Trevelyn**, guest of **Barney & Claire Hagen**, **Zelma Kibler** guest of **Roger Casterline**, **Ginger Dahlberg** and **Mary Winkler**, guests of **Joan Sheahan**, **Fred McCauley** guest of **Louis & Sheila Legnitto**, **Dan & Patty Franks** and **Lou Lovell**, guests of **Richard & Maria Southern**.

Barney reported he and Claire will host our June luncheon at The Quail Inn and October will be hosted by **George & Lois Schwind** so we now have the rest of the year covered.

Treasurer Jan reported we are still in the black. The total balance as of 4/12/12 was \$500.04 of which \$161.83 is in the general account and we have \$338.21 in the Charity Fund.

We welcomed Verda back from her month long vacation and she reported that for the very first time she did not get on the "Red Eye" to Chicago. She also shared with us that spending the night at SFO is not as



comfortable as spending the night at ORD. We had three May Birthdays, **Barbara Briggs**, **Maria van Kruining** and **Joanne Huhn**. **Don & Norma Davis** are celebrating their 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary this month and **Ernie & Donna Stukey** are celebrating their 61<sup>st</sup>. It was also reported that **Matty Matchinegg** broke a bone in his back and has orders to "stay down" for awhile.

Barney reported that when you list for flights you can now see how many SA (s) are listed, their seniority and what kind of pass ticket they are using. The type of ticket used determines the boarding priority. The limited Vacation Passes put you at the top of the seniority list depending on the number of years you worked. Other types of passes have a lower boarding priority. Companion passes are still valid until June 30, 2012.

Barney reported that most of the comments on the Pilot wailing wall are negative. The merging of United's computer system into Continental's system is not going well.

The Travel Desks will be shut down at the end of May because the company does not want to give access to the computers to the volunteer retirees who work the desks. Remember if you call to list there will be a \$25 charge. If you do not have a computer you are advised to go to a public library to use one. If you are listed for a flight and you do not get on your listing is automatically rolled to the next flight.

As always the raffle was lots of fun and wine, candy and beautiful plants were given away. We will meet next month (June 14) at the Quail Inn in Oakmont.

#### **Re-LAX-ers**

Los Angeles

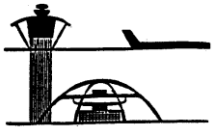
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Summertime is finally here and we are happy. Except for the occasional fog, of course; but it's a bit warmer. **Bill & Dana Noyes** have made the move to St. Louis and into their new home. They are happy to be with family members and making new friends. New Address: 13457 Tesson Ferry Rd. Unit 229, St. Louis, MO 63128. Phone: (314) 842-5080.

**Linda Muche** is packing up for a visit with family back East and to experience the new travel procedures.

**Ursula Bloor** asked that we inform friends why they haven't been around lately. She has been recovering from a broken neck and is still in a cast. Now her husband has been diagnosed with cancer and starts chemo very soon. We send our love and prayers to you both, 8228 Rees, Playa Del Rey, CA 90293.

We have some wonderful news to pass along regarding **Dee Wright**! He's back at Reche Canyon Rehab and finally has the "halo" removed! He still is heavily sedated; so we didn't see his blue eyes or a smile, which was very disappointing. A nurse said that he was lucid that morning and that he has been using a walker to go a few steps down the hall, and she said he can speak a few words! Finally, some good news. Send cards to him at the hospital, Reche Canyon Rehab, 1350 Reche Canyon Rd, Colton, CA 92324.

Another member not heard from in a while, **Patty McGreal** was in an automobile accident and was severely injured. Her husband said she is recovering slowly and they hope to travel sometime in the future. We've sent them copies of new procedures to help them along.

We received a call from **LaVonne Wilhoite** down San Diego Way. We've missed her attendance at our luncheons. She's going to try traveling again and wanted copies of procedures and we are so happy to send them. Good luck in your travels.

We are attempting to assist members with new travel procedures packets. Our computer whiz, **Sharon Record** has been the leading person, in sharing the valuable information. She has our profound thanks!

As a result of this mail-out; we've heard from some friends not seen in a long time ~ Remember these folks? **Sue Ward**, **Rick Miller**, **Laverne Berry**, **Carl Delia**, **Otto Giersdorfer**, **Miriam Lubin-Tashima**, **Bob Gilman**, **Pat Mosk**, **Dick Hopkins**, **Millie Monson**, **Cindy Mortimer**, **Genaro Casanave**, **Marti Dasaro**, **Pinky Opp** and **Eleanor Jones**! Such fun hearing from these folks again!

#### Calendar:

**August 2** - Steak fry - El Segundo Park

**October** - Meeting must be discussed due to RUAEA Convention

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It's time for the newsletter and our June breakfast is after the RUAEA deadline so I am going with what news I have. I will make up for it next month.

**Bob & Helen Grissom** have headed to Minnesota to visit friends and family. Will look forward to hearing about their trip when they return.

Summer is here and that also brings us the Del Mar Fair. **Barry Constantine** is volunteering again this year so we won't be seeing him for awhile but I know he will have good stories to tell when he returns.

As I am writing the newsletter, I received a call that **Pauline Reynaud** had a serious fire at her house last night. She and her dog escaped without injury. She is awaiting the arrival of the insurance company to assess the damage. It started in her computer. She did have a surge protector. I will contact her in a couple of days and see if there is any assistance we can give her.

**Dick Shenk**, now living in Costa Rica, is in the hospital for a broken hip. It was broken in several places and Dick is in the hospital for the second time due to complications. Keep him in your prayers.

A very sad farewell to the Seattle and Portland Travel Desks. We miss you already and thank you for all of the help and good advice you have given to us.

Hope to see a good turnout at the breakfast in July.

## Calendar:

**June 7** - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394. (619) 226 0255.



## **GOLDEN GATERS**

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Our May meeting gave us a repeat visit by inspiring speaker **Gail Bauer** and also the announcement of a hot dog lunch on Monday, June 25, to announce that Summer had just begun ... despite our crazy weather. If you weren't able to pay your \$5 at the meeting, telephone Auditor **Dorothy Reuszer** ASAP at (650) 341-5765. Our entertainment will be **John Siracusa** with his "Tribute To The Classics". At last, some music we can understand!

As most of you know, we meet monthly at the William Walker Facility in Foster City. But do you take the time to look to your **left** as you walk in the door? There are glass cabinets on the wall with very intriguing exhibits on view made by locals. And a few steps farther, again on your left, are paintings, again by local-ites. This time one of our own, **Yan Kudevitsky** (husband of **Margarita**) has 2 beautiful landscape paintings posted. Next month as you "go to meeting", look to your left!

On the table up front, another surprise waiting for us was the pile of green paper invitations to a "Spring Tea Party & Fashion Show" put on by the Foster City Senior Wing and their Sewing Class scheduled for Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Quite fortunately, seven of us UAL retirees were able to attend: **Linda Barrett, Helen Fassett, Pam Russell, Dorothy Pearl, Jan Reini, Donna Taiclet** and **Helen Cain**. What an entertaining afternoon treat that was with the Sewing Class members walking out proudly with their very, very original and professional looking creations. Even one of the canine models came bouncing out with two tres chic garments! So next time, local retiree members, pay attention to the offers coming from the "other side of the building", the Senior Wing. I forgot to mention: We also partook of generous croissant sandwiches, cookies and 8 varieties of tea. We hadn't even imagined our \$6 would have gone so far!

Our busy tour lady **Ginger Dahlberg** has a great adventure going on Sunday, September 23, 2012 to the beautiful and interesting Sacramento Delta. **Ginger** is also preparing (no pricing yet) an absolutely fantastic trip

to Dubrovnik, Croatia and the Adriatic Sea, for May 11-25, 2013. Contact her for further details: telephone (650) 224-1865 or email [gingersfro@aol.com](mailto:gingersfro@aol.com).

News has just been received from **Joan Rose** of SFOKA regarding retiree participation in UAL's annual "Family Day" in October 2012. No exact date has been made available as yet. Personally speaking, I have volunteered in several of the "UAL Family Day" celebrations in the past out at the SFOMB (Maintenance Base), what fun! But do keep in mind, Folks, that our national (RUAEA) annual retiree convention is also in October: Wednesday, 3 October to Sunday 7 October in Washington DC!

We now have a "brand new baby" here in South San Francisco, Brisbane, San Bruno and Millbrae: Finally a **local** newspaper, the "**Peninsula Progress**". It may be picked up at no cost at any City Hall in these 4 towns, or you may send them \$16 for an annual subscription delivered by your mailman. We have a very nice current advertisement on Page 7, Volume 1, No. 6 titled "Welcome United Airlines and Continental Retirees – SFO Bay Area". Their mailing address: 723 El Camino Real, # 167, San Bruno, CA 94066. Hopefully this may send more retirees our way!

#### Calendar:

Each monthly UAL SFO-Bay Area Retiree General Meeting begins promptly at 11:30 a.m., 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month (not September or December) or if a 4<sup>th</sup> Monday falls on a major holiday). We'll see you at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380. Mail should be sent to: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404. Bring a UAL/Continental friend, you will both be most welcome!

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Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

Our trip to Moffett Field Historical Society and Computer History Museum was enjoyed by all who attended. The docent shared many interesting facts about Moffett Field which was commissioned as a Naval Air Station on April 12, 1933, under the command of Captain Harry Shoemaker. It was the home to the Macon dirigible, NASA Ames jets and space craft, the P- 3 Orions and other aircraft. We also visited the Computer Museum which houses an extensive collection of computer history from the early Univac computers to the present I pads and smart phones. Did you know the earliest form of a computer was the ancient abacus? Lunch was enjoyed at Mario's Italiano Restaurant. Our hosts for this event were **George Sousa** and **Dave Saso**.

We celebrated the Kentucky Derby by sharing in some Derby Pie brought by **Jean Jenkins**. If you like chocolate, you definitely enjoyed this sweet treat. Speaking of the derby, **Dave & Nancy Walb** visited the Kentucky Derby and Churchill Downs. The highlight of their visit was mingling with the crowds and yes, the ladies wore hats.

We're glad to have our Sunshine Lady **LaDonna Eggert** and our Pesident **Sam Cramb** back with us. Both were out of commission for a few weeks.

By the time you read this, we will have had our annual picnic at Lake Vasona in Los Gatos. Our hosts **Tony & Sally Urso** promise a wonderful time to be had by all.

Many of our group are starting to register for the RUAEA Fall Convention. We hope to see many of our retired United friends at this event.

Every meeting we celebrate members' birthdays and special anniversaries. We like to mention those who have reached 50+ years of wedded bliss. In the month of May, **Jean & Lou Marcolina** celebrated 55 years. June, the traditional wedding month, included **Lloyd & Claire Eber** with 62 years, **Gary & Darlene Ikeya** 51 years, **Don & Dot Boyer** 54 years and **Charles & Josie Esqueda** 52 years. Congratulations to all of you.

We meet every Friday morning at 8 am for breakfast and a short meeting at Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd. in Cupertino across from the Home Depot. Hope to see you there.

#### Calendar:

**June 12** - Annual Picnic at Vasona in Los Gatos.



### SAN JOAQUINERS

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We had a great time at our last luncheon on May 10<sup>th</sup>. The luncheon was held at Jenny's Restaurant in Ceres and there were 34 of us that got together for a fun time. **Don & Kathy Rentzel** hosted the luncheon, we had a delicious buffet and everyone enjoyed the food and the camaraderie. Kathy gave each of the ladies a beautiful yellow rose in honor of Mother's Day. What a beautiful and thoughtful gift. Thank you to Don & Kathy.

Once again, **John Zoboli** joined our group for lunch and we always welcome his presence. John brought us up to date on the "happenings" and "rumors" going on at UAL. He said we should not believe everything we see and hear but we should check the UAL website regularly to get current and accurate information. John invited us to join his chapter at their annual picnic on August 20<sup>th</sup> at Sand Harbor at Lake Tahoe. Sounds like a fun time.

Until next month, stay well, enjoy the summer, your family and friends and come and join us at our luncheons which are always held on the second Thursday of every month. Contact our Prez, **Don Nesja** at (209) 295-2104 or me **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672 if you'd like any information about our chapter and our luncheon meetings. We would be so happy to have you join us!

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Our May meeting was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> with 23 members and guests. We welcomed **Roger Casterline**, our Western Regional Director and **Zelma Kibler**, who was one of the founding members of our East Bay Diablos. Two new faces were **Ed & Susan Von Ester**. Diane's sister-in-law, **Renie Pedregon** was visiting from Albuquerque.

We had a lively discussion regarding travel in these changing times. Roger gave us a recap of the Convention in Washington, D.C., October 3-7. The hotel is beautiful and the tours are reasonable and varied. He encouraged all to attend. Do not forget the elections. Everyone should have his or her information by now.

**Ed Von Ester** won the 50/50. **Emma Lou Olson** and **Tracey Blanchard** won one free lunch at the Sizzler.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at the Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord. No need for reservations. Social time is from 1100-1200 then lunch and business matters. We encourage all former UA and CO employees to attend. We have many different departments represented.

Our annual picnic will be held in June at **Hoagie Harguth's** home in Pleasant Hill as our usual location at the Pleasant Hill Park is undergoing major construction.

#### Calendar:

**July** - No meeting

**August 13**

**September 10**

**October 8**

**November 12**

**December 10** – Toys for Tots and Christmas Party





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Our May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at the Countryside Café in Red Bluff. There were 26 retirees and spouses in attendance to enjoy a wonderful lunch at one of our favorite restaurants. **Merritt Odor**, our President, welcomed **John Zoboli**, the Northern California Regional Director and also **Karen Villareal**, a new retiree from SFOCS interested in joining the Northstaters.

**Klaren & Merritt Odor** will be celebrating their 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary in the month of June. **Vanessa Pratt** and **Raejean Skelly** will be celebrating birthdays in June.

A get well card was sent to **Catherine Wacker** from the group. **Hal & Phyllis Burdick** were missing today's luncheon due to some health issues. We certainly want to see these lovely people able to attend our retirees get togethers.

**John Zoboli** was kind enough to bring the "Age of Flight" United Airlines books that had been in storage and were about to be thrown out. He gave every member a copy.

John also spoke about the 2012 Sand harbor picnic at Lake Tahoe on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Sharon has sign up forms if anyone is interested. The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Maintenance get together is in Minden, Nevada and will be August 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Carson Valley Inn.

Tours have been organized for the October 3-7 RUAEA convention and is now available online at [www.RUAEA.org](http://www.RUAEA.org). John reported that the travel desk is now closed. Also, deadline to certify dependents for healthcare coverage is now July 27<sup>th</sup>. On a positive note, the large United Airlines sign on the west wall of the MOC has been re-lit using LED lights. Merritt thanked John, as always, for the great information.

Our member profile this month is **John Isbell** ~ John was born in Racine, Wisconsin on May 10, 1943. He graduated from Park High School in 1961 and married his lovely wife Chrystal in October of 1962. They will be having their 50 year anniversary in October. They have raised two daughters, and are proud grandparents of 2 boys and great grandparents of 3 boys.

John worked as a welder for eleven years before returning to school to train for aircraft maintenance (A&P certificate). He graduated in 1974 with his A&P license and went back to building Kenosha Vibrators at American Motors to save money for college. He enrolled in the University of Wisconsin-Stout in the fall of 1975 and graduated Cum Laude in 1977. He hired on as an A&P mechanic for Northwest Airlines and was promoted to foreman just before the pilot strike in 1978. Because of Northwest's strike history and the needs of raising a young family, he returned to the automotive industry where he engineered assembly plant changeovers for new models, at Ford's Chicago and Minneapolis assembly plants. In 1981, General Motors offered him a job setting up production facility in Iowa, building fuel injection systems. When he started in 1981, 95% of GM cars were carbureted. When he left the auto industry in 1986 to go work for United Airlines, 95% were fuel injected.

Initially he was hired as a Ground Equipment Engineer (SFOMP) providing specs and technical assistance on various groups' equipment. John then transferred to DENMP where among other things he provided technical assistance for DENMM on the construction of the DEN Aircraft maintenance facility. John returned in 1996 as a Maintenance controller for 747 and 757 aircraft. At SFOMM he was involved with the turbine Shop engineering PW2000 and 4000. John's last job was part of System Aircraft Maintenance Control, as a STARS controller until 9/11/2001. After that time, John regretfully had to retire and in his words "leaving the world's greatest airline and best place he ever worked." John now is enjoying his family and building engines for "Street Rodders", restoring cars and attending swap meets.

The 50-50 raffle again won by **Dick Hooning**. The \$15.00 gift certificate was won by **Vincent Neidlinger**.

The next meeting/luncheon has been set for Thursday July 26<sup>th</sup> and **Vincent & Kay Neidlinger** have generously offered their home in Redding for our meeting/luncheon.

### Calendar:

**July 26** – Luncheon at **Vincent & Kay Neidlinger**'s home in Redding. Time to be determined. Hope to see you there!!

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On June 2, 50 members of the Mile Highers had their June breakfast at United's Flight Training Center (DENTK). Attending for the first time were **Bob & Vallni Forsberg, John Fultz, Sharon Schlotthaus, Edward Clark, Rita Pech** and **Kirk Saville**, Kirk retired from Denver Maintenance (DENMX) in May and is **Ruth Marston's** son. We hope to see all the first timers at the breakfast meeting next month!

**Tom Goodyear** explained the new detour that will affect people picking up and dropping off passengers on the West Side of the Denver Terminal (the side United is located on). This diversion is in effect until April 14, 2013, and is due to Denver building a new Hotel and Transit Center. This will be the Denver Light Rail to connect downtown Denver to the Airport.

The Travel Desks have now closed because the company's legal department has restricted "Shares" (The new customer reservation system) information to only active Customer Service or related personnel. As a result, the retirees now must list for Space Available Travel using the new online system; it can be found online at <https://united.intranet.ual.com>.

**Ed Eson** gave a great report about the Northern Colorado Veterans Honor Flight that he and **Gil Rohde** along with 120 other veterans participated in. The Flight took them to Baltimore, MD and a subsequent tour of the War Memorials in Washington, DC. Each veteran was escorted by a volunteer and treated like royalty. Our nation certainly should be forever grateful for the sacrifice paid by our current military and veterans in defense of the freedoms we all enjoy. Trips like Ed spoke to us about helps to put the sacrifices paid in a better prospective. Thank you for your service, Ed and Gil!

**Jack Green, Marv Olsen, Thom Rowland, Ray Shoults** and **Gene Sibley** returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter during the meeting, it is very much appreciated.

Thanks to **Don LaFurge**, the Mile Higher Summer Picnic will be, for the first time, a picnic with United and Continental Retirees. The Picnic will be held at **Norm Meyer's** Ranch near Conifer on Saturday August 25, 2012 at 11:00AM. The ranch is just outside of Conifer and located in a beautiful area. This picnic will take the place of RUAEA's usual indoor picnic. For the picnic, please bring a dish to be shared by all, as well as plates, utensils, chairs, tables and sunscreen. Drinks will be provided. **For directions to get there:** Go west on Highway 285 (Hampden Ave.) past C-470. Continue on Highway 285 for approximately 13 miles, past C-470. Then from Highway 285, to the right, you will see a two-story yellow house and a sign at the driveway entrance to the Norm Meyer Ranch. **Again, all retirees are welcome!**

Remember we are still collecting aluminum cans. Also don't forget the RUAEA Convention is October 3-7 in Washington D.C. this year.

### Calendar:

The next RUAEA Breakfast will be on July 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am, at the United Flight Training Center (DENTK), the entrance is located on 35<sup>th</sup> Ave, just east of Quebec St.; if it is your first time, just let the guard know that you are here for the RUAEA Breakfast.



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My son Christopher traveled to Costa Rica and on his return to Colorado Springs, he arrived in DEN early and could catch an earlier flight. He was listed DEN COS but missed the flight because the UAX agent did not know how to check him in if he was not already on the DM! There were empty seats and he had carryon only! Why do agents work without training! This was a denial of my privilege.

**Cecille & Rob Schlenker** are no longer in the pizza business but are in the Fro Yo business and opening the first week of June in Goodyear, AZ.

Oakland Airport flights on United Airlines ended on June 3, 2012 after 75 years. I did attend the OAKOZ reunion and going away party on June 1, 2012 at the Oakland Terminal 1 for all employees who had ever been stationed there. Those who organized the party were active employees but plenty of retirees also attended. Thank you goes out to **Maria Richards, Rafael, Debbie Canning** and **Tom Payne** for coordinating activities. Retirees attending were **Ed Reichel, Bob Shaw, Peter Hom, Rich Hunter, Howard Payne, Jon Hasegawa, Jean Smith, Jeff Olson** and **Don Erlenbach**.

The last United departure left OAK on June 3, 2012 at 1441 and headed to DEN with a water cannon salute. I sat next to and listened to **Colleen Nelson** (SFOCS) all the way to DEN! She now lives near Billings, MT. When we arrived in DEN on flight 726 there were wind shears all around! We made an unprecedented **four** attempts to land and missed approach on all four with the roar of the engines coming at the last moments of final approach and a sharp right bank! The pilot announced on our way to Cheyenne, WY that in his entire career, he had never gone around that many times! We were three hours late into Denver after refueling and everyone clapped upon landing in DEN. Definitely a last OAK DEN flight those passengers and I will remember. The IAD flight was held for connections; dozens of flights had diverted or were delayed because of the weather at DEN airport.

For those retirees wanting to travel out of OAK they will have to buy ZED or ID's on Southwest by requesting a confirmation number on Flying Together and then purchasing their tickets from a United ticket counter at SJC or SFO airports two hours away.

Our meetings are held once a month on Monday at 1200 noon at The Village Inn on Harrison Road near Circle and I-25. **Please RSVP to Chuck.**

#### Calendar:

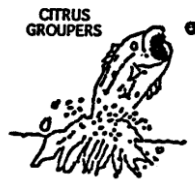
**June 25**

**July 23**

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Our May 31 meeting was held at the Nancy Lopez Legacy Golf Course Restaurant in The Villages. President **Don Nellans** called the meeting to order shortly after we enjoyed our usual great lunch. Our treasurer **Charles Wirth** informed us we now have over \$400.00 in our treasury. Sunshine lady **Lydia Wirth** read the May birthdays and anniversaries as follows: Birthdays for **Jerry Bell, Isabel Buchanan, Dorene Eikoos** and **Mary Elcik**. May anniversaries were Mr. & Mrs. **Richard Elcik** and Mr. & Mrs. **Bob Newberg**.

**Don Nellans** went over the latest news from both United Airlines and RUAEA. He also announced that the registration forms for the RUAEA Convention in Washington DC and schedules in October are now available at the RUAEA website. We heard an update on our own Florida Retirees Uniting conference scheduled for

February 22, 23 & 24, 2013. Hotel reservations can now be made at The Waterfront Inn in The Villages at a special UAL retiree rate by calling the hotel directly at (352) 753-7535. Registration information will be available soon to the Florida chapters as well as the Mobile (Pensacola) and Birmingham chapters which are in the Florida region. The registration fee will be \$75.00. This is to include a banquet, a tour of The Villages, a welcome party and a farewell breakfast.

Under new business, we voted to cancel our June and July regular meetings due to the many scheduled vacations and grandchildren visits. We decided our next regular meeting will be August 30, 2012 at Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant starting at 11:30 AM. Our Florida Retirees Uniting committee will meet in the interim to keep up with hosting that event. Don announced that our news line editor **Helen Newberg** is recovering from an infection and is confined to the Freedom Point Medical Facility in The Villages. We wish her a speedy recovery.

**Claus Brinnitzer** won our 50/50 drawing and the meeting was adjourned. Any questions can be addressed to our President **Don Nellans** at [nellansdon@aol.com](mailto:nellansdon@aol.com), (352) 861-8486.



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President **Dick Coughlin** opened our June meeting. We had a group of ten hardy souls gathered at the Red Lobster. Don't know if our rainy days kept some away, but others were traveling or away from the area or like **Larry & Janet Horton**, were waiting for a contractor to come to do some work on the house for them. Prez Dick remarked it was the first time **Jim Meyers** gave a valid excuse - he was in IL at the time of our meeting.

Some not so good reasons were that Treasurer **Penny Logan**, returning from a trip and at the airport, learned that her husband **Omar** had been taken to the hospital with a heart attack. She quickly rented a car and whizzed off to the hospital to be with him. He is home now but very weak. They both need our prayers. **Jane Kress** informed us her friend **George** just had successful stomach cancer surgery and expects it will be a long recovery. He is home now. **Nancy Thomas** is still missing her hubby **Frank** who passed away recently. She misses our SandDABS group and wishes she could be with us, but sends her love to us from CA.

Our only celebration was for **Bob Clinedinst**, whose birthday is June 11. We lit the candle and sang to him, and he blew out the candle on our "fake" cake. We're getting better with our singing. Vice President **Steve Moddle** combined some of his jokes with those of Dick's jokes, so it was pretty funny and we had some good laughs. Dick told an especially funny story about when he was at a family gathering and his very young great grandson was naming all the people and called Dick, Grumpy, instead of Grampy. **Herb Gardner** won our 50/50. He and Molly will not be back with us until September as they are going on several trips. The big one is to Australia. We wish them happy travels. I will be going up to NC to be with family and to attend my granddaughter's wedding. I'll get to see my two great-grandchildren again, which will be special.

Prez Dick mentioned that **Paul Brown** will be running for Area Representative again. We think he's done a very good job for us and we will be voting for him again. We learned spaces are filling up for the Convention. So, if you plan on going, better get your reservations in soon.

There was more discussion about travel passes and ironing out the difficulties traveling, some people told about their experiences getting on flights, and how to get used to the new "rules". This was very helpful and hopefully cleared things up for **Bill Lowry** who is planning a trip in the near future. On that note, the meeting was closed until next month.

#### **Calendar:**

**July 5** - 1130 - Red Lobster

**August 2** - 1130 - Red Lobster

**September 6**- 1130 - Red Lobster



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34 members of the Real McCOys gathered on a rainy Orlando day for lunch and conversation. **Jim & Joette Feeney** traveled from the East Coast to join us (it's still just \$10.00 for a year), and still-working wife of **Don Ulman**, **Susan** was a surprise drop-in guest, complete in her UAL CSR "Dress Blues"! Another surprise was members **Lou & Joan Gaydos**, who made the trip from New Smyrna to have lunch with us. We have been praying for Lou, and, once again, our prayers were answered!

We did more "chattin'" than meetin', and the conversations in both cases centered around the company pass travel and how to navigate, both on the computer and at the airports. A computer will be brought to the next meeting to help us all out!

A survey will be sent to all members and member-prospects to find out who plans to attend the October RUAEA Convention and the Florida Get-Together in February 2013.

June is a busy one in the Birthday and Wedding Anniversary categories! **Ernie Vosges** was proud to announce that he was celebrating birthday #65 on the 14<sup>th</sup> and that he and **Cheryl** were celebrating 31 years together today, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Congrats all around! Pres. **Rich Llewellyn** on the 11<sup>th</sup>, **Jim Weeks** and **Marilyn Ulmer** both on the 26<sup>th</sup>! And to complete our anniversary crew – **Bob & Sandy Duszynski** – 47 years on the 12<sup>th</sup>, **Jim & Janet Mummah** – 45 years on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and **Barb & Joe Fitak** – 51 years on the 24<sup>th</sup>!

Prayers for strength and God's healing for **Orlin Taylor** and **Iris Martin**.

### Calendar:

Luncheon - First Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm. Golden Corral, 2323 So. Semoran Blvd., just south of CurryFord Road

**July 3**

**August 7**

## SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

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A few of the **Pelican Drop-Ins** met at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers for breakfast on June 1<sup>st</sup>. There were seven of us and we had a delightful time talking about United and also our summer plans. Because so many of our members go up north or on long vacations to avoid the hot summers in Florida, we have smaller summer groups.

**John Dainus** was the 1<sup>st</sup> to arrive. He did not come on his motor cycle because of the threatening weather. He is planning a trip to Michigan to visit with his family this summer.

**Ed & Judy Clark** will be leaving soon for the Chicago area. They plan to attend their daughter's baby shower. **Mel Volz** came without his wife, **Linda**. She is in Pennsylvania visiting her son and his family. When Mel was asked what he is doing home alone, he said he's not telling.

**Sally Sciple** came with her right hand and wrist in a cast. She had her "trigger finger" repaired. **Craig Meilahn**, a new member, will be spending the summer in Addison, IL and Cape Coral, FL.

For the sixteenth year, **Joan Gilkison** has rented a house in the Outer Banks of NC for a week for her family. This is the last year because most of the grandchildren are all too busy with work and school to spend time at the ocean.

Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month:

Luncheon meeting at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (**October–May**)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Ft. Myers (**June–September**)

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Here on this very warm day of June 5, we had our last Luncheon/Meeting until September 4 since we take vacation during July and August. In September, we will have the final count of our voting for new officers; while on vacation, each member will be sent a voting roster that must be sent back to **Jane Kerr**, our secretary no later than August 14, 2012. The results will be announced at our September meeting.

A total of 24 members plus one guest brought in by **Michael & Maureen Carragher** who was none other than their grandson. J.J. Terry who just graduated from High School, hailing from Long Island New York and will ready himself for college this fall with a Business major. We all wish him the best of luck in his new life direction.

Lots of conversation, joking and laughing was the rule of the day. Pictures taken during our picnic were distributed by **Al Popek**, also a copy of the email in color of the Hear no Evil, See no Evil, Speak no Evil of **Bob Langevin, Jim Morehead and Keith McCormick**.

**Paul & Diane Liebisch** raved about the airport service, food, inflight personnel and the trip in general that they recently took to Berlin.

**Al Popek** brought the meeting to order with his trusty meat tenderizer and conversation topics were pass travel, insurance, seniority, vacation passes, and of course, it was unanimous that we have another picnic at Dubois Park next year since everyone raved about the facility, etc. The 50/50 was won by **Ed Snyder** and the Progressive was won by me and boy was I in shock!

Happy Birthday to **Janice Popek** (6/1), **Tom Kolibab** (6/5), **Sharon Kolibab** (6/12), **Ron Brodis** (6/12), **Chris Taylor** who turns 90 in 6/21. Happy Anniversary to **Arnold & Dee Lakso** (6/20).

For **Chris Taylor**'s upcoming birthday, the members decided to treat her to Lunch today for the very special occasion.

Enjoy the summer and stay well. We shall see you all in September, and if you are in the area, come join us, you won't regret it plus the food and service are the best.

*On the Lighter Side:*

☺ *The dot over the letter i is call a "tittle".*

☺ *315 entries in Webster's 1996 Dictionary were misspelled.*

☺ *There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with: orange, purple and silver!*

☺ *If you have three quarters, four dimes and four pennies you have \$1.19, you also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar.*

Calendar:

**July and August** - On Vacation

**September 4** - Luncheon/Meeting 1230PM – Mulligan's Jensen Beach

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The room reserved monthly for our group at IHOP was completely filled for our May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting! Lots of good conversations flowed among the following attendees: **Denny Snyder, Palmer & Bob Sarnoff, Louise Duvall, Ned Yundt, Marilyn Taylor, Chan & Nancy Hammagren, Ron Dietzler, Ileen Bunce, Charles & Shirley Perkins, Lois Rodriguez, Sharon Kolins, Bill Estensen, Bud & Pat Perkins, Marlene Croghan, Carole Bell, Rick Dempsey, Kathy Hihn** (joining us for the first time, retired from SEA, also worked in CLE), and **David & Carol Adams**.

**David** had recently driven 18 folks on the Harmon Travel Southwest tour, including stops at Bryce, Zion, Lake Powell, Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, 4 Corners, Mesa Verde and Arches. His retirement job is into the 16<sup>th</sup> year! **Charles'** garden is already "growing huge," and we will be among lucky recipients before long! **Rick & Shirley** are "still flying, going to the Baltic in July." **Rick** shared some recent flying experiences/adventures. It seems as if we are all still learning the ropes. Unfortunately, our BOI manager was unable to join us. We were looking forward to receiving more needed information.

In April, we lost **Al Burkhardt**, Capt. **John Makinson**, and **Harry Mitchell Sr.** Two April birthdays (**Kathy's** and **Ileen's**) were recognized.

### Calendar:

**July 10** – Meeting at IHOP in Meridian

## ILLINOIS

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Our Chicago Travel Desk closed May 31, a group met for a "Drown-our-sorrows-drink-farewell get-together". Certainly could not call it a party. Attending were **Linda Kirn, Raj Ambegaoker, Bobby Singleton, Marilyn Chaplin, Clyde, Dee & Maeve Randmark, Jan Gawenda, Bill Bergner**, and our leader, **Carol Faust**. Without **Carol**, the Chicago Travel Desk would not have existed. Thank you for all of your hard work. **Carol & Bob** are now relaxing at their condo in Dillon, CO for the summer.

The **Bill Bergner's** will be traveling to Kona the end of June to attend their son's wedding on the beach. Aloooooha, hope you get on the flight. They probably don't care if they get stranded there.

Many of the Skyliners traveled to Petoskey, Michigan, for the Loonie's trip. The Chicagoans that attended were, **Mary Szabo, Norm Pearson, Bob & Carol Faust, Helen Cauwels, Norm Wilkinson, Esther & Al Broderson, Mary Kay & Gil Wojtal, Phyl & Phil Capezulo**, and **Jan Gawenda**. The weather was perfect. The tours were at a fish hatchery and a chocolate factory. Make new friends, but keep the old. Some are silver, the rest are gold. Great group! Of course, they were from United, when we were a great airline. Our next get together will be this October, in Duluth, MN.

**Nick Romeo's** wife, **Angeline**, had an infection in her mouth which made her lose her voice. She is now at the Lexington Rehab in Elmhurst. Cards can be sent to their home at 308 Highland Avenue, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

**Ginny Vlach's** husband, **Frank**, passed away in May from leukemia. He was diagnosed and passed away within two weeks. **Frank & Ginny** were very involved with the Skyliners. She is on the Planning Committee. They made the name tags for all of our events, and worked at the Food Depository every month. They recently

celebrated their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Condolences can be sent to **Ginny** at 404 S. Albert. Mt. Prospect, IL 60056.

This last Mother's Day, May 13, was the annual Y-Me Breast Cancer Race in Grant Park. This event is co-sponsored by United each year. It was **Angie Halama** and **Rich Surma**'s 6<sup>th</sup> year of distributing racing T-shirts and numbered race bibs to United employees and their families. Free headbands in the new dark blue color with the United logo were given to all runners and walkers. They are both looking forward to volunteering again in 2013, and hope the weather will be as beautiful. Turnout was quite low this year due to limited advertising on Skynet and other media outlets.

Calendar:

**Southside Brunch** - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn (**June 26** and **July 31**).

**Northsiders Breakfast** - Ritz's Café & Backerieia, 9:00 A.M., 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows (**July 11** and **August 8**).

**Food Depository** - First Tuesday, every month

**June 25** - Summer Picnic, Chandler's Restaurant, Schaumburg, IL

**September 17** - Fall Luncheon, Diplomat West Banquets, Elmhurst, IL

**Christmas Luncheon** - Tuesday, **December 11**, Avalon, Elk Grove, IL

**RUAEA Convention** - **October 3-7**, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Arlington, VA



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It was a beautiful spring day in Chicago at 65 degrees for our May Luncheon. While there may have been NATO Summit action somewhere in the city, all was quiet at our hotel location and the restaurant was having a busy luncheon crowd. However, the popular buffet has been discontinued due to lack of interest.

We had a lively conversation group with the six retirees who came to the luncheon. **Mary Szabo** and **Helen Cauwels** reminisced about the days when **Pat Patterson** led the airline. He was renowned for his open door policies and walking around EXO and visiting offices. He was quite a guy and very well liked with fond memories from all who worked during his reign.

**Kay McClure** and **Patti Hunt**, both retired Flight Attendants, also remembered that it was Mr. **Patterson** who is credited for starting the profession of Flight Attendants and he was very protective of them. In those days, being an F/A was the job to have. **Kay** and **Patti** had many stories to tell of all the celebrities they met while flying as well as other interesting and unusual experiences.

**Norm Pearson** was back after having had his knee surgery in February. He was walking and driving but not running or dancing yet.

It is with sadness that **Frank Vlach**, age 78, passed away on May 17<sup>th</sup> of acute leukemia at home/hospice with Memorial Service held June 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Frank & Ginny**, UAL Retiree, were married for 56+ years. **Frank** always had a smile and was fun to be with. **Frank & Ginny** attended every luncheon for many years and his company will be missed. Condolences can be sent to **Ginny Vlach** at 404 S. Albert St., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056.

**Tony Stefanos** has been at The Moorings in Arlington Heights for the past month. He is in rehab from surgery as well as some hip therapy which will keep him there until the end of June. **Helen Stefanos** is taking good care of him and get well wishes can be sent to: 760 Marshall Drive, Des Plaines, IL 60016.

Our next luncheon is on July 18<sup>th</sup> and welcome all retirees to come and have lunch with our small group for lively conversation and a tasty lunch.

Calendar:

**July 18** - Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (Great Street Restaurant) - 11:30 a.m. (Please email or call me before noon of July 17<sup>th</sup> so that I can let the restaurant know the number of guests to expect)

**August** - No luncheon scheduled

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Plans are well underway for the June 9<sup>th</sup> picnic at Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville. Committee members **Gail Allen, Eli Barnett, Hannelore Brabo, Cheri Innis, Dimple Rihel** and **Charles Theiss** met to finalize food arrangements and decorating ideas. This gathering is always enjoyable, and the setting ideal for a quiet afternoon of talking and reminiscing. The lodge features a floor to ceiling stone fireplace and beautiful deck overlooking a wooded area where deer and turkey are frequently seen.

As was mentioned in last month's article, our members look forward to a meeting with RUAEA Midwest Director, **Helen Cauwels**, on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Members were encouraged to send or have questions for her. Undoubtedly, there will be many questions regarding travel.

**Ron & Cheri Innis** will be returning visiting grandchildren to Oklahoma and will miss this year's picnic. **Dimple Rihel** is looking forward to her daughter's wedding this month and may also be absent from the picnic. **Mary Chandler** is traveling to Japan for a brief visit. I'm off to visit relatives in Florida. Several members are looking forward to this year's convention in Washington, D.C., including **Eli & Ralph (Bud) Barnett, Mary Chandler** and yours truly. Several years ago, I attended the convention in Pittsburgh and it was great, very well planned with lots to do. Now that the convention has moved to the fall, perhaps there will be even more attendees at all of the conventions. For us in Indy, with the "500" on Memorial Day weekend, travel was tough.

Discussion about attending an "Indians" baseball game were put on hold until the picnic. Victory Field offers close-in seating and affordable tickets or specials. Many weekend evenings offer fireworks as well. Under consideration, as well, is to meet at Emmy's Pancake House on Rockville Road, next to Ivy Tech. The decision as to whether this will become a permanent change will be discussed at the picnic meeting.

Happy July birthdays to **Carol Conway** (7/6); **Rita Prins** (7/6); **Ray Brabo** (7/16); **Wanda Bryce** (7/30).

Wedding anniversary congratulations to **Carol & Jack Conway** (7/9).

### Calendar:

**July 10** - IHOP, 10143 US 36 (Rockville Rd), Avon. Room available from 1:30PM, meeting begins at 3:00 PM.

**August 14** - (Emmy's Pancake House), decision to be made at the picnic for August meeting.

## MASSACHUSETTS

### NOR'EASTERS

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Our potluck luncheon meeting at the Marblehead Yacht Club in May brought out 31 members. The club room was arranged by **Bill & Norma Betters**. This type of venue is so enjoyable! Unlike a restaurant, the freedom of movement makes it all just so much better, like holding a picnic indoors. Although a pot luck, with many good food contributions, **Bruce Eddy**, again, toiled over the barbeque. Don Latter brought two 4 foot long sub sandwiches, which again were quite a hit. There was a variety of hot dishes, plus desserts, most home made. Need I say more! So much food was uneaten; yours truly got to take home several days worth of lunches.



Our newest members, **Bart Casey** and **Loretta Coyle** were both in attendance. Hopefully, they'll join our regulars who rarely miss a meeting.

The 50/50's were won by **Don Latter**, **Lew Shakley** and **Robert Austin**. Free lunches were won by **Elaine Vanderwal** and **Bob Austin**. **Peter Fusco** missed two luncheons in a row due to last minute family problems. **Bill Shailor** advised he is enjoying his current assisted living with his dog, Thula, three years now. Bill's daughter, Kimberly, whom we see occasionally at our luncheons, visited him Sunday with a bruised arm, (in a sling?). She once attended a luncheon on crutches with a leg in a cast. Bill wants to know how many members out there remember Holmes Airport in Jackson Heights, NY, before there was a LGA? **Paul Ward**'s grandson Adam is on a robotics team at his high school. His team, one of 128 from 34 countries, won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the World Robotics Tournament in St. Louis, MO. Pretty impressive! **Ron & Judy Heisler** just got a 6<sup>th</sup> great grand child, a girl, while a grand daughter just graduated from nursing school.

**Paul Newcomb** was hospitalized with a mild heart problem and will be spending some time at rehab. Drop him a card at; Rosewood Nursing & Rehab, Johnson Street, Room 216A, Peabody, MA 01960. I'm sure Paul would love to hear from us.

**Norman Hudon** had rotator cuff surgery and will be spending time at home. Drop Norm a line at; 52 Village Green Road, Apt. 7D, Hempstead, NH 03841-2445. Help cheer him up.

Rumor has it, the UA and CO ticket counters and gates at Boston's Logan Airport will not be joined until mid 2014. Currently in two different buildings, I wonder how confused the customers are!

Well, our three travel desks for retirees, manned by volunteers are closed. Sad, the current powers to be terminated an almost free service that provided help to the very retirees who helped build our company. Since my retirement, the company has asked us to contact our politicians several times to help acquire or hold air craft roots. Next time, we should inquire what the company will do for us. You get what you give!

July's birthdays ~ **Edward Aldorisio**, **Elizabeth Palmer** and **Joan Twing**.

July's anniversaries ~ **Jon & Joyce Heisler** (54 years), **Don & Kathy Latter** (17), **Paul & Eileen O'Mara** (46) and **Elizabeth & Joseph Palmer** (45).

## MICHIGAN

### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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17 Escapees plus one guest; **Tony Gibson**, gathered at Station 885 in Plymouth, MI on June 7. We welcomed for the first time this year **Kay Smith** and **Louise Toye**. **Tony**, DTWRR and ATO union representative, explained how the union is trying to reinstate the old UA pass policy. He is looking for support from all employees and retirees, both union and non-union to reinstate all travel benefits we had been promised before the merger. There has been a grievance filed against United to reinstate all that we lost after the merger for all employees and retirees.

Sad News: **Marlene Lyall** (retired DTWCS/CG Supervisor), advised that her 23-year old grandson Kevin died suddenly on May 1 of respiratory failure. Our Love and prayers to Marlene and family @ 14319 Houghton St., Livonia, MI 48154-4912. **Rose Wilson**'s mom, Gertrude Borieo, graduated into her heavenly home on May 10. Please keep Rose and her family in your prayers @ 34523 Fountain Blvd., Westland, MI 48185-9435. **Richard Georgia** (DTWMM) passed away this month from COPD and pneumonia. Dick started with Capital in BUF, then became a mechanic and due to many layoffs, worked in many stations. He retired in 1998 and was a member of the Las Vegas Gamblers Chapter. Condolences to his wife; **Loraine Georgia** at 646 Otono Dr., Boulder City, NV 89005. **Tom Wallace** passed away Monday, May 21. Tom hired in 1956 at IDLMM/JFKMM. He also worked in CLEMM/DTWMM and LAXMM. He left UAL in 1969. Tom was 88 years young and he lived in northern California for the last 12 years. Cards can be sent to his daughter: Patricia Bach, 4810 Cedar Drive, Camino, CA 95709. Lastly, **Dollie Sellers** advises that her nephew, Billy, passed on March 11, he was just 52 years old. He had MS but was doing well then quite suddenly he was gone, which was a big shock. Love and prayers to Dollie and her family @ 35118 N. Bay Circle, Harrison Twp., MI 48045.

I kind of feel that we should be mourning our three travel desks that so many of us depended on, which will be gone by the end of June. Our thanks to all the volunteers, you will be missed terribly.

**Judy Haag** wrote that she has been the caretaker for her daughter, Julie, who in February had surgery; this was reconstruction and lymph node transfer surgery. Love & prayers to Judy and Julie for a speedy recovery @ 27688 Harrison Woods Lane #19, Harrison Twp., MI 48045-3544.

Lastly, **Marlene Heaney's** daughter, Shannon, who is expecting twins in July, has been hospitalized due to very high blood pressure and other complications. Keep all in your prayers @ 28160 Tremonte Drive, New Hudson, MI 48165-8001.

Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call or e-mail.

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At the May meeting, your correspondent was off playing with the Northwoods Loonies in Petoskey, MI & environs, so **Mary Brennan**, chapter secretary, took the notes & passed them along to me. My thanks!

What with several of the “regulars” being in Michigan, the group holding down the fort at the Old Country Buffet was smaller than usual, notwithstanding the presence of some of the snowbirds who are back in town & who came to visit. **Al & Mary Kilian, Lenny & Ginny Tousignant** and **Randy & Georgia Cirksena** stopped by for lunch and probably some harassment from the hard core Lites who stay the winter in MN. **Janet Wiley** was able to come with **Dave** this time, too.

Since our president, **Lee Storlie**, was away in Michigan, the conducting of the meeting usually goes to our vice-president, **Janet Meyer**, but she couldn't make it that day because of doctor appointment issues for her husband, **Dick**. So it fell to **Mary Brennan** to run the show, take the minutes & direct traffic. She was wearing three hats that day: President, Secretary & RUAEA correspondent! Talk about multi-tasking.

**Lyle & Sonja Gunderson** were off on another of their fun bus trips, so the group had a good time with “musical tables” for the 50/50 raffle. **Randy & Lenny** thought they were shoo-ins for winning if they sat at the “lucky” table, but **Donna Grey** and **Al Gunderson** won at the next table. The boys quickly moved again & this time **Randy** won.

By the way, **Al G.** volunteered his brother's place (or the Town Hall) for the annual picnic. The group voted to accept the offer of a venue. We're not sure if **Lyle & Sonja** are aware of this yet.

**John Beveridge's** 90<sup>th</sup> birthday was recognized & celebrated. His family is coming from far and wide this summer to have a proper birthday party.

Those Lites who attended the spring Loonies' event were treated once again to a wonderful experience in lodging, food, sightseeing & fellowship. **Don & Hope Hayden** were excellent hosts, as always.

We're saddened to report that **Ken Whitehead** passed away May 16<sup>th</sup>. He & **Marilyn** had moved to an assisted living apartment in Brainerd, hopefully temporarily but **Ken** was there only one day before being rushed to hospital with heart issues. **Marilyn** intends to return to their condo when she is able: 36275 Pine Bay Circle, #303, Cross Lake, MN 56442.

Another death which hurts those of us who attend the Northwoods Loonies events is that of **Frank Vlach**, who died May 17 from leukemia. We had just heard the news of his diagnosis the prior week at the spring gathering, so his quick death was stunning. Condolences to his wife **Ginny** & family may be sent to 404 So. Albert St., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056.

Lunch the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 11:15am at The Old Country Buffet, just north of Hwy. 110 and Robert Street in West St. Paul.

Annual picnic on Wednesday, August 8, 2012.

## NEBRASKA

### GOLDEN'EARS

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There were 28 at Spaghetti Works including **Penny Sophir** and 4 of our snowbirds who just came back home, **Harry & Angela Hansen** (Florida) and **Harley & Bev Hughes** (Arizona). Also in attendance were **Arnie & Shirley Mahoney**. **Arnie** said he is feeling fine and his ribs have healed from the accident he had a few weeks ago.

Word has it that **Roger Jensen** had a hole-in-one at Tara Hills Golf Course while playing with **Frank Sesto** and **Herk Ranney**. How great is that, **Roger!** - Congratulations. At our luncheon, **Dick Weak** was the lucky 50/50 recipient for \$27.50.

We are happy to report that **Don Jensen** is back home recuperating from a fractured hip, of which surgery could not help. It has to heal itself and he has now begun to use a walker. I'm sure he was glad to get home after being in rehab.

Those with birthdays the month of June are: **Bob Hall**, June 10<sup>th</sup>, **Jim Sophir** June 14<sup>th</sup> & **Jim Braden**, June 29<sup>th</sup>. We are still in the process of securing birthdays of all our members.

**Peggy Casebeer** had a new ball socket put in her shoulder on Monday, May 14. She went home from the hospital on the 16<sup>th</sup>. We hope this is the end of her pain that she has endured so long.

**Keith Cornish** received word that **Frank Thomas** passed away May 16. A celebration of his life will be held on June 16 (on his 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday). **Frank & Nancy** lived in Gilroy, CA. Our sincere sympathy to **Nancy** and her family.

### Calendar:

**July 10** - Back Forty, Macedonia, IA hosted by **Jim & Dorothy Braden**

**August 7** - TBD

**September 4** - Fish & Game, Lake Manawa, Hosted by **Larry & Sharon Farrell**

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There were 16 people at our May 14 meeting at Jack's. The date for our annual picnic has changed to Monday, August 20, 2012. Thank you to **Duncan & Nancy Scaife** for volunteering on the cooking duties and also to **Jim Wagner** as gate duty.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Maintenance Get-Together in Minden, NV will be August 22 – 23 at the Carson Valley Inn.

We are searching for a new location for our Christmas luncheon. Please submit any suggestions to John or Pat.

The 50/50 was won by **Aidia Keller**.

April birthdays were celebrated by **Bonnie Royle**, **Patrick Flanagan**, **Nancy Hilz** and **Geri Boutz**.

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Brown** for being named one of the 2012 Women of Achievement in Northern Nevada.

## NEW JERSEY



### THE GARDEN STATERS

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The Garden Staters met at Snuffy's Restaurant on April 25. President **Dick Confer** opened the meeting with a flag salute, and thankfully there was no need to remain silent for any of our members. Dick reported on two parking lots near the airport, one for \$6 and one for \$10 a day.

There was also a lengthy discussion on our new pass policy. What about? We had best learn how to use the computer!

**John Murphy** gave our finance report and **Terry Schultz** won the 50/50.

The Garden Staters held their monthly meeting on May 30. It was opened by a flag salute by our President, **Dick Confer**. There was also a moment of silence for the passing of **Bill Manon** and **Gordon Keister**. Both of these men worked at Newark Air Freight.

**Dick Confer** advised all of our members to use their vacation rather than their trip passes in order to make your seniority count. As usual there was much talk about the new pass system. Most believed that familiarity will make it much better.

**John Murphy** gave his financial report, and we are still okay. **Kathy Deily** won the 50/50.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 27 at 12 pm at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains, NJ.

## NEW YORK



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Our June meeting brought with it 3 old friends we hadn't seen in quite a while - **Jill Bugler** from JFKSW, **Jean Flynn** and **Kathy Carney** both from EWRSS. Not much "business" was discussed as we were busy catching up and reminiscing.

**Audrey Smolick** was in Santa Margarita, Italy when the earthquake passed through. She said she did feel a slight tremor, but there was no damage in the area.

**Marilyn Cheadle** reported from Los Angeles that on her outbound from JFK, her flight was overbooked, so the very accommodating CSR suggested flying to SFO, then connecting to LAX. She even got FC!

**Betty Williams** had a different experience returning from DEN. She couldn't get on the listed flight and was sent to the gate for the next flight. Her listing wasn't automatically transferred, so "buddy travelers" were cleared before her. She eventually got on that flight.

**April King** said that she's printed out the information about pass travel and finds it helpful to have it as reference.

We discussed the convention and many of us are looking forward to it. Moving in from May to October should increase the attendance.

### Calendar:

**August 7** - 12noon, San Martin. Please RSVP to **Marge Segal** (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill** (212) 799-8061.



## NEW YORK METROS

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June 6<sup>th</sup> luncheon was attended by 38 contented Metros. I say that because no one seems to be traveling much – enjoying all that Long Island and New York City have to offer.

In hoping to hear from some of our absentees, we printed their names last month. This generated a response from **Ruth Olenick**, reporting that her husband, Elliot, is in extensive care at Park Avenue Extended Care, 425 National Blvd. Room 816B, Long Beach, NY 11561. Our good wishes and prayers to both.

I'm sure there are lots of former NY residents who knew **Jim Weiss**. His last employment with United was at JFK. After retirement, he became the bartender in the Red Carpet room at JFK. Sadly, he died this month. I have no further information.

My apologies to **Charlie Kaczinski** – He didn't get to meet Geraldo Rivera at Quantico as his Marine Reunion was elsewhere. I'd ask where but Charlie is out gallivanting.

No one shows up more regularly at our meetings than **Rose Schneider** so we're sorry that a cold kept her home this month. We missed her and **Dale Deuber**. We will see you at the picnic in July, I'm sure. A reminder to all, no meeting July 4<sup>th</sup>. Picnic will be July 11<sup>th</sup> at Wantagh Park. I'm pretty sure we will meet there again August 1<sup>st</sup>. Belmont Racetrack doesn't seem to fit into our schedule this year.

Calendar:

**July 11** – Picnic at Wantagh Park

## NORTHWOODS



### NORTHWOODS LOONIES

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The Loonies had a very successful May 2012 meeting based on the comments received from the 42 Loonies in attendance. A few had to cancel at last minutes due to work or illnesses but all in all, a very good meeting.

We toured the Kilwin Chocolate Factory (million calories in their samples) and a MI fish hatchery (a million brown trout from tad poles to 10 inches) plus a lot of hangar flying. No other sites to see.

We were saddened to hear of the sudden fatal illness suffered by **Frank**. Nice to see **Carol Buiechin** after her recent loss.

The Terrace Inn provided pizzas for Tuesday Night, and a first rate dinner on Thursday night. Almost everybody chose the white fish plank meal, it was delicious too. Thursday evening, we held a short business meeting. **Connie & Rich Glatly** volunteered to hold the next meeting in October near Duluth. **Norm Wildenson** volunteered Door County in October and **Bud & Jo Ayers** volunteered to host in May 2013 at an unspecified location. Thank you for coming forward.

Our resident poet **Jim Simon**, long time member and former Midwest Director recited his masterpiece titled "*A fond Farwell to the Loonies*" as he is selling his Wisconsin property and returning to Northern California where he has family. I expect to see him again before he sells out. He promised.



## OHIO

### OHIO BUCKEYES

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Our meeting this month was held at a “new” restaurant. For those of you who keep up with our monthly doings, you may remember that before the year started we had a problem with our restaurants. The February place closed without notice, the March place burned down, but we were able to get into two other restaurants. Thinking that was over, the June facility had been sold, but these owners were willing to open their new place for us, because they felt it was the right thing to do. We were their first customers and they were not even open to the public yet. We really appreciated their efforts. FYI - This was Flair Restaurant in North Royalton. They sold and moved to Seville, named the new place Rose Hill. It is located on Rte 3, 7249 Wooster Pike Rd. Seville, Ohio. Food is great and the owners are too! Great Big **Thank You** to **John & Carrie Kercel** for hosting this event and working with the owners to manage to get this all together for us. Just shows that neither snow, nor fire, nor unopened restaurants will keep a Buckeye down!

This month's meeting opened with **Arlene Taylor** leading us in Grace. Meeting was turned over to **Dolly Taucher** and she related some information to us concerning the RUAEA Convention in Washington D.C. on .October 3-7. Also, there is an election coming up this summer. Midwest Director **Helen Cauwels** is running again. She will be at our picnic in August.

It was great to see **John Jeskey & Elda** with us today! We know that many from our group are unable to attend regularly, if at all, so we do want to let them know we keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Sadly, another of our United family passed away recently. Our condolences go out to the family and friends of **Wayne Varnes** (CLECG).

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating this month! **Richard Mullen & Judy Spooner** were serenaded for their special day.

The month of June brings up many Anniversaries, and those who were with us are: **Dick & Jean Foster** (59), **Dave & Nancy Cleary** (52), **Tom & Martha Hassel** (36), **Tom & Helen Hockett** (20), and **Frank & Barb Wachs** (18). Our Best Wishes to all on this very special day for each of you, wherever you are celebrating.

Also, cannot forget to wish a Happy Father's Day to all!

\* **Arlene Taylor**, who gave us so much travel info last month tells us that there should be 3 Travel Desks with volunteers to help Retirees list on flights!

Last, but not least, we come to the 50/50 drawing! Lucky Winners are **Judy McKnight & Tom LaMasters**. Lucky! Lucky!

*\*In prosperity, our friends know us, in adversity, we know our friends.*

### Calendar:

**July 11** - Nautica – Two hour Oldies Cruise, Buffet Lunch, & Oldies Entertainment. Hosted by **Dave & Marie Placko**

**August 1** - Annual Picnic - The Chalet / Strongsville Metro Park, hosted by **John & Dolly Taucher**

## OREGON

### OUR CLUB



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The June luncheon meeting of OUR Club was held at Taprock Northwest Grill in Grants Pass with 26 attending. **Jim & Jane Frincke** hosted. We were pleased to welcome **Russ Randall's** sister, **Randi**, and brother-in-law, **Mike**, who were visiting from out of town. It also gave us the opportunity to wish both Russ and his sister happy times on their dual birthdays.

During the quarterly business meeting, President **Jane Frincke** reviewed the latest from United and shared updates on members **Neal Appleton**, **Steve Osborn**, **Peggy Wilson** and **Mary Crees**. **Linda Althouse** was the lucky winner of the 50/50.

**Steve & Cyndi Austin** have once again volunteered their home and large deck for OUR Club's annual picnic in September, so plans are already under way. In the meantime, **Linda Althouse** will host the July luncheon at River's Edge in Grants Pass, and **Marge Calkins** has made arrangements for us at Taqueria Mexico in August.

#### Calendar:

**July 6 - Linda Althouse** – River's Edge, Grants Pass

**August 3 – Marge Calkins** – Taqueria Mexico, Grants Pass

**September 7 – Steve & Cyndi Austin** – Picnic at their home in Rogue River

### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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The attendance at our May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting was 77. The decorations were a lovely vase of flowers and were given to the mother at each table in honor of Mother's Day with the most children, grandchildren/great-grandchildren. **Mary Lou Falbo** won with a "grand" total of 36.

Thanks to **Jack & Nancy Hooper**, our guest speaker was Scott Koehler, Fire Chief of East County Fire and Rescue in Clark County, WA. Scott talked to us about the new method of CPR and after the meeting, demonstrated the technique (with the palm of your hand) and members were encouraged to try the method on portable dummies he had brought.

Winners of the free lunches this month were: Door prize ~ **Nancy Ink**, Men's birthday ~ **John Donaldson**, Women's birthday ~ **Joyce Garrett**, Anniversary ~ **Ed & Sue Rommel** (52 years) and 50/50 ~ **Betty McBride**.

The Sunshine Committee had no illnesses to report this month.

The July picnic planning is well underway under the guidance of **Gene & Lorie King** and will be held July 11 at Red Sunset Park, 2400 NE Red Sunset Dr., Gresham, OR 97030. The menu is as follows: barbecue chicken, pulled pork, potato salad, tossed salad, rolls, coffee and soft drinks. Please bring a dessert to share with others. **The cost is \$15.00 each and your check should be mailed to Rosalie Betschart, 220 NE 116, Portland, OR 97220-2333.**

The August meeting will be a social and in September, **Paul Russell** hopes to have someone from the NOAA (National Oceanic Atmosphere Assn). The Dew-er's board met on June 4 and discussed election of officers for 2013/14 and would like anyone interested in holding an office to contact **John Donaldson**. The elections will be held at the October meeting.

#### Calendar:

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant 1618 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland OR 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM  
**July 11** - Annual Picnic  
**August 8** - Social  
**September 12** - Speaker

## PENNSYLVANIA



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May 14, our luncheon meeting was held at the Ramada Inn of Essington. Eighteen people listened to a fascinating history of the sinking of the Titanic. Dr. J. Joseph Edgette is an expert on this disaster and gave us a lot of unknown insights of the victims and circumstances.

It was **Paul Lynn**'s lucky day. He won the 50/50 and the free lunch.

Our members were very generous with donations for the abused women's shelter and their children. Thanks for the four boxes of items. If you still wish to contribute, **Dee Burrs** is accepting any gift cards such as Wal-Mart or Wawa. She will channel them to the right persons.

Our sick list includes **Bill Carmen**, and **Tom Lyons**, our faithful treasurer.

Our last meeting for the summer will be an indoor picnic at the Ramada Inn of Essington. The price remains \$12.00.

We will see everyone on Monday June 11th at 12:30 pm. Bring a friend or if all else fails, your spouse!

### Calendar:

**June 11** – Last meeting until Fall. 12:30PM, program TBA.

Mark your calendar for Oct. 3-7 2012, the RUAEA convention at the Hyatt Regency in Crystal City, VA. This is within driving distance for the Independents. On October 15<sup>th</sup>, please come to help us prepare dinner for the Ronald McDonald House in Del.

## PITTSBURGH

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I just returned from a one way driving trip to Charlotte, NC with my dear friend **Mary Jane Stewart**. She is spending a few weeks with her son and his family and needed her car there. I went along to co-pilot the trip. I didn't have much to do as Baxter, (her six pound Yorkie) took over my job. He sat on the console the entire trip, only hiding when we came to an overpass. He would put his head behind **Mary Jane**. Does Baxter have a problem? Does he need to see a dog psychologist? By the way I flew home from CLT.

**Mary Jane** and I drove to Pinehurst S.C. to visit our friend **Anita Pawlack**, PIT/MCO-RR and her husband **Pete**. They are enjoying their beautiful new home they had built. She took us on a first class tour of the house, then to the farmers market and finished the afternoon having lunch at a quaint restaurant. Pinehurst is a lovely place and I can see why **Anita** thinks she died and went to heaven.

The latest news about **Brock Pompeani**, **Jeri Juth**'s nephew: He put together second best scoring average in team history at Robert Morris University. He was named to the North East Conference Men's Golf All-Conference First Team for the 2011-12 campaign. In the three seasons, **Brock** has won 2 tournaments and placed in the top-10 nine times, 27 events, third in the Robert Morris record books. His 76.5 average is the second lowest in team history. Keep up the good work **Brock**, in a couple of years you'll be playing with the big boys on tour.

I haven't heard from **Else Schillar** since her trip to Jordon. She could be back but gone again on another one of her excursions. I worry about who takes care of her flower garden while she is gone. **Else** has the most beautiful, gorgeous flower garden. She has won several awards from the Garden Society and Lady's Club for her unusual and stunning flowers.

**Ken Wolfe** was in the hospital for a week with upper GI issues. He is now at home and says the problem has been solved.

**Ken Huffman** has passed away several months ago but I have not received any information on his passing.

**Dave Beatty** is heading for Daytona Beach for a week of R&R.

**Lorraine Keith** will be doing some traveling, she is going to Myrtle Beach and then on to her grandsons graduation from the University of Washington.

**Phyllis Smith's** granddaughter **Tell**, graduated from Pittsburgh University and is pursuing a job in the film industry. Her grandson, **Calvin**, has graduated from high school and will be joining the Navy.

July birthdays: **Paul Musko** (7/11), **Bill Redfern** (7/25), and **Mac Crampton** (7/28). One anniversary this month: **Paul & Betty Musko** (7/4).

I hope you all had a safe Fourth of July, enjoy the summer and stay healthy. God Bless America!

#### Calendar:

**July 20** - Luncheon J. W. Halls

**September 14** - Picnic at Hopewell Park

**October 3-7** - RUAEA convention in D.C,

### TENNESSEE

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Sixteen members and guests traveled to Crossville for our May 17<sup>th</sup> Luncheon and Meeting. Lunch was at Beef and Barrel where we enjoyed a variety of food off the luncheon menu. **Joy White** joined us for lunch, her husband **Max** is a retired UAL employee. He had worked at EXO. The new travel pass procedures were discussed. Joy has traveled since the new policy was in place and explained about vacation and pleasure passes and the best way to use them.

After the meeting, we went over to the Cumberland County Playhouse where we saw the matinee performance of "*The Moving of Lilla Barton*". It was a great comedy/drama and was well done by the theater cast. We thank **Robbie & Joe Corbin** for making the arrangements for lunch and the play which was enjoyed by all of us. Secretary and Treasurer reports were deferred until our next meeting in July. There was no 50/50 as **Betty Shipe** has recently had surgery on her other knee and was not up to traveling out to Crossville. Our next scheduled meeting is in July. **Noreen Koan** reminded us that it will be Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> which is a change of date.

#### Calendar:

**June 21** - 9:30 AM Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take Exit 274 off I-40 go south toward Kingston Pike one block.

**July 18** - Note this is a change of date and is a Wednesday. Hosts **Ginny Bartnicki** (865) 577-3094 and **Noreen Koan** (865) 458-8668. Watch your mail for details

**August 16** - 9:30 AM Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville

## WASHINGTON

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After being introduced by outgoing President **Frank McNulty** (LAXOZ), incoming President **David Jones** (SFOFO) welcomed 70 members to the May 8 luncheon meeting at Fairwood Golf and Country Club in Renton, WA. Both presidents expressed appreciation for the volunteer help from old and new officers. New secretary, **Carol Soffel** (SEARR), had her first taste of taking notes of the meeting proceedings and celebrated by walking off with the 50/50 prize later in the meeting.

**Dave** thanked **Frank** for serving as president of the Emerald City Slickers for the past year and to retiring secretary, **Rita Reynolds**, who once was **Frank's** secretary in real life. Other officers will continue in their respective positions.

We send best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Carol Soffel**, who suffered a mild heart attack just as summer activities were beginning. We hope the stress of her new position wasn't a factor! **Carol** is doing fine and is being allowed to slowly resume her regular activities.

Emerald City Slickers who opt to receive their *Contrails*, the chapter newsletter published prior to each meeting, electronically, get their copies in color. Mailed paper copies are produced in black and white and are delivered later than the email version. If you have computer access, you may want to request email copies instead of hard copies. Joining the local chapter (currently \$10 a year) has obvious perks. We recommend memberships in both the national and local organizations, because each provides its own focus.

Probably the most important item in *Contrails* is the noting of menu choices for the next meeting. **Mary Luke** works closely with Fairwood to select two tasty entrées each month. Included in each meal, besides the choice of entrée, are bread, salad, vegetable, dessert, and coffee. Other beverages are available for purchase. **Sidney Reed** and **Dolores Steger** (SEAHH) are the intrepid volunteers who accept telephone reservations and report numbers and entrée choices to our assistant treasurer, **Noreen Krawczyk**.

Golfers were urged to contact Chairman **Bob Howard** (SEAPV) to sign up for the annual retirees golf tournament on June 20 at Riverbend Golf Complex. **Ed Liesse** (SFOED) and his sons, **Dave** and **Ken** once again were scheduled to be last off the tee in order to collect markers designating "longest ball" and "closest to the pin," that are posted by previous players.

At the May meeting, Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** recognized all the summer birthdays and anniversaries, as there will not be another meeting until September. Those celebrating wedding anniversaries in July include **James** (SEAGQ) & **Marion Hafterson** and **Tom** (DENTK) & **Sally Holford**.

We send July birthday greetings to members **Jim Bernovich** (SEAGQ), **Richard Clement** (SEAFF), **Evalena Hatcher** (SEAHH), **Lyle Lindblad**, **Frank McNulty** (LAXOZ), **John Paulson** (SEAMM), **Ken Wagner** (SEARR), and **Dolores Woods**.

If you don't see yourself being recognized for an anniversary or a birthday, it's most likely because **Phyllis Bowman** and **Gay Liesse** don't have that information. Feel free to submit your dates and/or corrections to **Gay**, preferably via email (telephone messages often are missed or garbled).

Once again, **Phyllis** asked **Bob Brumfield** to assist in drawing and verifying the winning door prize numbers. Having winners select their own prizes from the display of contributions helps move things along and eliminates the need for introducing each prize individually and for runners to locate recipients and deliver their rewards. Each guest exchanges payment for lunch for his or her ticket at the registration desk and writes his name on that stub – a great help to the secretary and this columnist. **Richard Devereux**, Boeing retiree, hawks the 50/50 chances at the registration desk.

Lucky winners of May door prizes, which included everything from wine to cookies to geraniums that had been donated by members, were **Phil Andersen** (SEACG), **Casey Casanova** (SEAFF), **Bud Dice** (SEACG),



**Virginia Dice, Addy Haferbecker, Marion Hafterson, Sally Holford, Frank McAnulty (LAXOZ), Dan Miles (SEACG), Edna Paulson, John Paulson (SEAMM), Ted Parks SEALP), Ed Rousso (SEACS), Jim Small (SEARR), Ken Wagner (SEARR), and Otto Wieland (SEAHH).**

Company business items presented during the meeting included a report of first quarter business issues; changeover to the new management system; complications of moving from United's Apollo reservations system to Continental's SHARES (the press was not kind); changes in procedures for retirees to list for flights; reports of orders for new Boeing planes (much in the news in this part of the country); and the demise of the United Travel Desks on May 31, 2012.

The meeting ended with the showing of an entertaining, tongue-in-cheek, video spoof of American Airlines bankruptcy sent to **Dave Jones** by a San Francisco friend. Based on the popular and energizing song, "YMCA," disgruntled employees, either real or staged, queried Why, American, Why?, otherwise known as "YAAAY." It might just as easily have been "YUAY!"

Calendar:

No meeting July or August

**September 11** - Lunch at Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Renton, WA

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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Greetings from the Nations Capital!

The Dulles Loungers meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Manassas VA at 1130AM. We usually draw a crowd of 60-70 members and guests, we love guests! We enjoy a fine luncheon with fresh salads and many tasty entrées. Come and join us, no RSVP is required! We have door prizes and of course, a 50/50.

We would like to introduce our long time Dulles Loungers member, **Bill Clarke** (DCAMM) who hails originally from Jamestown, R.I. (near Newport). In 1943, Bill saw an advertisement in an aviation magazine for a Mechanics Helper. Bill was interviewed and he started working very shortly afterwards in Pittsburgh for Pennsylvania Central Airlines, which later became Capital Airlines. He worked on the DC-4s for 3 years and then applied for his mechanics license and worked his way up to lead mechanic by 1947.

After moving to Washington DC, living accommodations were hard to come by in the early days due to the influx of World War II workers. Bill started off in a room in Georgetown (Washington, DC) and then he was able to secure an apartment in Alexandria, VA with some other mechanics. There was one drawback, the apartment was near the Alexandria railway yards, and all night long they were moving the trains for the next day's schedules.

Over the years Bill worked on the Viscounts (Rolls Royce engines), Boeing 737s & 727s and the Douglas DC-8 (his favorite aircraft). Later in his career, Bill and 4 other mechanics spent 2 months at the Concorde plant in Toulouse, France studying and working with the French engineers. This was in preparation for the Air France Concorde service from Dulles to Paris and United was chosen to service the aircraft.

Bill and his wife raised three children, none of whom have chosen careers in aviation. Bill, we thank you for your illustrious career with United and wish you well in your retirement.

Calendar:

**July 11** – Picnic, details to follow

**August 8** - 1130am, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

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We are winding down our year and all the Chapter Presidents, Chairman and the Executive Committee are getting ready to submit their reports.

Our National Convention is just a few months away, this should be a great convention and we are all looking forward to spending some time in the beautiful city of Seattle. (September 19 –22, 2012).

Special Olympics: The Winter Special Olympics will be held in South Korea and we (Clipped Wings) will again be doing the Parents Grant. What a great project this is. We will be helping out financially some of the parents (from the USA team) of the athletes who would otherwise not be able to attend the games, and see their athletes perform. We will let you know in a few months how many families we will be able to help.

Come join us ~ Clipped Wings® is a National organization composed of 32 chapters across the country. Membership is open to United Airlines Stewardesses, Capital Airlines Hostesses, former and/or current United Airlines Flight Attendants and soon all former and present Continental Flight attendants.

Please visit our Clipped Wings® website: [www.clippedwings.com](http://www.clippedwings.com) for more information about our history, biennial conventions and chapter meetings. You can also contact the Clipped Wings® National Vice President, **Christel ILG**, [omachristl@aol.com](mailto:omachristl@aol.com) for more information and you will be put in contact with the chapter of your choice.

Have you purchased your Clipped Wings Scarf, we now offer the Clipped Wing Tie as well. These items will be collector's items in a few months. So hurry and send your money to **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF) [rjensen148@aol.com](mailto:rjensen148@aol.com). Each scarf is still only \$20.00, plus \$2.00 for shipping, each tie with the Airplanes on them is \$25.00 plus \$2.00 for shipping. The proceeds from the profit of the scarves will support Special Olympics ~ The Parents Grants.

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- 1) Deceased's First and Last Name & Date of Death
- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

In addition, contact information must be included for one sending the information. If the obituary is received hand written and it is not legible, it will not be published until a clear and readable document is received in the Denver Office. The information may be sent by email (preferred) at [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net), fax or US Mail. Sorry, the information will not be accepted over the phone.

***Please note that the above policy only applies to death notices submitted to be published in this section of the RUAEA Newsletter.***

Retiree – **Badella, James**, on 5/14/12, SFOEP, husband of Donna Badella, 1786 Hamlet St., San Mateo, CA 94403

Retiree – **Bowling, William Thomas**, on 4/15/12, ATLMM, husband of Irma I. Bowling, 855 Gardner St. SW, Austell, GA 30168-5409, father of Kenneth, Raymond and Kevin

Spouse – **Conrad, Owen**, on 11/15/11, husband of Patricia A. Conrad, EXOAC, 21011 W. Torrey Pines Ct., Plainfield, IL 60544

Retiree - **Frey, Verdell (Dell)**, on 3/26/12, DENTQ, husband of Charlotte Frey, (deceased), 8122 South Biloxi Court, Aurora, CO 80016

Retiree – **Hanes, George V.**, on 12/27/11, DCAGQ, husband of Vilma C. Hanes, 9229 Arlington Blvd., Apt. 550, Fairfax, VA 22031

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Retiree – **Steputis, Robert R.**, on 5/3/12, LAXFO, husband of Betty Steputis, 22325 Barton Rd. # 125, Grand Terrace, CA 92313

Retiree – **Thomas, Frank**, on 5/16/12, SJCOZ, husband of Nancy Thomas, 5542 Mesa Rd., Gilroy, CA 95020

Spouse – **Tallman, Elsie W.**, on 2/25/12, , wife of Harrison B. Tallman, SFOMH, 14905 Bothell Everett Hwy, Apt 254, Mill Creek, WA 98012

Spouse – **Valela, Margarete**, on 4/11/12, wife of Vincent Valela, BDLFF, 142 Oldefield Farms, Enfield, CT 06082

## LETTERS



Hi members,

I'm the person who edits the letters you send for the Newsletter. Your letters are of interest to retirees and especially those with whom you once worked, they are greatly appreciated. When you send them, you can make my job easier by making them as legible as possible.

Martha Gooselaw

Martha Gooselaw  
Letters Editor

### **WE HAVE RECEIVED GREETINGS & THANKS FOR THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

Bernice Aaron, Oscar Aguilar, Ray Anderson, Beulah Barber, John Barlow, Ruth Bauer, Luella Brooks, Nancy Carter, Mollie Cook, Brigit Cuda, Lois Dick, Alice D'Souza, Shirley Elrod, James Ferrance, Melvin Fisher, Lorraine Fleming, Sean Foley, Darlene Foster, Carol Gillett, Joe B. Harris, Joseph Hegner, David Henderson, Robert Horn, William Hughes, Anthony Lutz, Louis Kelly Jr., Robert Knapp, Dorothy Krauss, Joan Krolak, Kenneth Lee, Arthur Martin, John Organtini, Joan Palumbo, Ruth Raphael, Rogelio Ramos, William Raskin, Doreen Poberts, Theresa Roman, Herman Rothweiller, Curtis Ryden, Hilda Schmidt, Dennis Shattock, Doris Shilliday, Eleanore Syoen, Mike Takamatsu, Virginia Thompson, James Van Patten, Linda Westbrook, Arthur Voohees.

### **WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:**

*(Although we welcome the statements expressed in the many letters submitted, the comments & opinions expressed are not necessarily the convictions of the organization.)*

### **Joyce Hendricks, 2543 Arborwood Dr., Valrico, FL 33596, kjhendricks4@gmail.com**

Hello to all my friends in California: LAXSW, LAXSS, LAXTZ, LAXTO, LAXTR, LAXRR.

The RUAEA Newsletter gives us a lot of great information; however, nothing is as important as that Red Stamp. It seems like yesterday I turned 70 years old and now the Red Stamp reminds me that I'm 72 years old already. Wow! Still, I'm thankful to receive the newsletter because it keeps me up on what's happening with

old friends. It's always sad to read about those who have passed on like **Paul Carmone, Jan LaStrap and Ginny Riley**. I smile when I think of each one of them. I know they are missed. Life moves on, however, Kennedy and I are doing fine. We're thankful for good health and thankful we found friends here in Florida who, along with GFWC Tampa Women's Club, keeps me busy. I do try to squeeze in Zumba a couple times a week. We don't travel much out of Florida because the 737's out of Tampa just don't seem to have space for us. (Seniority: 10/05/65). We did, however, travel to Nicaragua last year but we paid full fare on American Airlines. Before the year ends, we hope to take a cruise and maybe, just maybe, if we can get on a flight, fly to California. I would love to see some old friends. Saying that, I wish all my friends in California and other parts of the country good health and much happiness.

**Alexander Moromisato, 1910 W 159<sup>th</sup> St., Gardena, CA 90247-3604**

*The following was written by Shirley Moromisato.*

My husband, Alexander retired in 1990 after 35 years at UAL in LAX. He always had the intention of writing himself, but now he is incapable of it.

For the past 22 years Alex looked forward to reading the RUAEA Newsletter from cover to cover, even though he was not familiar with 99% of the retirees mentioned. His dues will be renewed; sadly he has lost understanding of any written material. He has become one more victim of Alzheimer's disease.

Alex was extremely proud and grateful to be employed by United. He worked with wonderful fellow workers. We enjoyed the flying benefits that took our family countless times to near and far flung destinations, and many were in first class. He was also able to take advantage of many financial opportunities that provided for a secure future. What else could have topped that!

If he were able to convey a message, he would say "Aloha and Mahalo" to all those who made it possible to bring happiness to himself, his wife and his sons.

**Berna Rasmussen, 975 Williamsburg Ln., Zionsville, IN 46077-1151**

Thank you for all that is done to publish the newsletter.

As a spouse of a deceased retired UAL employee, the newsletter is my only way of getting information that is important to me.

I do enjoy reading the letters from the other retirees.

**Ann Shaffer, Apt 89 130 Glennwood Ave., Yonkers, NY 10703-2649**

I have been retired now for 12 years. How the time flies by. I keep busy with volunteer work, I am not traveling as much as I used to.

Medically speaking, 2011 was not that bad. I am receiving injections for wet macular in my left eye. My arthritis has been my most painful complaint. I now walk with the aid of a cane.

Thank you for the wonderful newsletter. It is great to read about all our retirees and their exploits!

**Barbara Rieck, 615 Yupton Ave., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169**

This is my 13<sup>th</sup> year for writing the newsletter article for our chapter. I guess it is one of those lifetime jobs you get until you pass on. No one seems to want to take it on.

I don't travel much at all except if one of my daughters is with me. I know I will not get involved with all the complications of everything having to be done by computer. My computer and I don't get along too well, besides it's being a time consumer. I am not that savvy.

I still miss my husband; it will be 6 years since he passed.

But I do have wonderful times getting to know my darling two great grand daughters, as they visit me at the beach. We have fun together.

I am very involved in my church which brings me great satisfaction.

Good wishes to all of you who keep the RUAEA newsletter going out, to keep unity in the group.

**Robert Ahrens, 3914 Christian Dr., Belmont, CA 94002-1232**

As time marches on, I am able to follow, taking one step at a time. Travel has been confined to the local area. My seniority number of 1946 has been lost in the melee of numbers, to local fishing trips.

We are having a good season this year for Dungeness crab and Salmon.

I still volunteer as chef three days a week, preparing the meals at the Senior Center. The only companies right now that are showing a profit are the oil and drug companies. I am helping out by taking my share of pills.

My best entertainment is watching the SFO Giants and the Forty Niners, Go Giants!



# Important Phone Numbers



## **United Airlines Benefits Center (Central Time)**

1-800-651-1007 (M-F 7AM - 7PM).

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

For Traditional Medical, HMO or Insurance questions; report death of retiree or spouse; change of address & other forms.

## **United Employee Service Center**

1-877-242-0075

[esc@united.com](mailto:esc@united.com) (email)

## **United ePass Line (1-866-359-3727)**

For flight information and to list or change listing

Password for ePass Line –your birthday, mmddyy

\$25 fee to create new booking

1-877-202-0263 (PIN Reset)

## **Employee Travel Center**

1-877-324-5555

[ETC@united.com](mailto:ETC@united.com) (email)

## **Flying Together Help Desk**

1-800-255-5801

<https://united.intranet.ual.com>

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<http://www.bcbs.com>

## **PBGC** - for all retiree pension questions

1-800-400-7242, <http://www.pbgc.gov>

## **Social Security Administration**

1-800-772-1213, <http://www.ssa.gov>

## **Alliant Credit Union**

(800) 328-1935 or (773) 462-2000 (24-hours, 7-days-a-week except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day)

<http://www.alliantcreditunion.org>

## **Interline Ticketing Desk**

1-888-874-1581

## **Medicare Hotline**

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# RUAEA CANDIDATES YEAR 2012

RUAEA is an organization of previous employees of United Airlines, Continental Airlines and their subsidiaries who have reached the age of retirement. It is also made up of spouses of members, and widows/widowers of deceased former members.

The management of RUAEA consists of six Officers and ten Regional Directors. (One Officer, Past President, serves in this capacity by virtue of formerly being elected President.) This year, all the officers and seven of the Regional Director positions, will be filled. These fellow retirees, elected by you, our membership, have the duties and responsibility of running the business of RUAEA – nationally and regionally. The business to further RUAEA as an organization of retired United Airlines employees is to be:

- Proactive in its relations with United Airlines management;
- Effective and efficient in communicating happenings at United Airlines with members;
- Involved with and supporting local chapters;
- Developing features and benefits that are of value to retirees;
- Effective in marketing membership in RUAEA to all former United Airlines, Continental Airlines and their subsidiaries employees.

We are very pleased with the quality of candidates who have agreed to run for office, for their interest, support and commitment. With the challenges ahead for the new United, there are changes to come which will affect our membership. RUAEA must be in a position to meet these challenges and be an effective organization in its relations with the company as well as in its relations with all of us. Each of the candidates on the ballot can and will meet this obligation.

Your involvement is to vote. Each of your votes is needed as a commitment of your support for these candidates and for RUAEA. Voting is open now through Sept.1, 2012. You may vote by paper ballot and mail it in; or you may vote by e-ballot on the RUAEA website [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org).

Your Nominating Committee

Ron Robertson, Chairman, Virgil Gooselaw, Len Haubl.

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online -or-  
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## President



**Hank Gosselin** ~ Hank worked his whole career in SEAMM. He was hired as an Aircraft Maintenance Foreman in 1960. He retired 40 years later as a Team Leader – SEAMM. During his working years, Hank received Awards of Merit for the B-767 Program, the Hong Kong startup and as Shuttle Coordinator. Hank has been a member of the Emerald City Slickers since he retired and served as their Vice President.

Hank has a long history of service to RUAEA. For the past 2 years, he has been Executive Vice President. He was the General Chairman of the Seattle Convention

and Co-General Chairman of the Washington, D.C. Convention. He also served as RUAEA's Director – Northwest Region, and, as, RUAEA's Vice President – Conventions, 2006-2010. In his convention work, he infused new life in the hospitality nights, bringing attendees together for Prop Wash at the SEA convention; Western and Hawaii nights in SMF; Sports night and 50's night in PIT. Through the Newsletter, Hank used a survey to improve the Conventions with input from the members of RUAEA.

Hank is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles serving as a Trustee and fundraiser and, as Santa to over 100 children in need, supplying the majority of gifts himself.

In his leisure, he likes to fish and travel.

Hank is committed to see RUAEA continue the monthly Newsletter, annual conventions, and expand the Website as a more effective means of informing members in a timely manner with useful links. Hank feels that as leaders of RUAEA, we must continue to provide value for our members and increase our membership. RUAEA must be an advocate for all retirees, which in turn benefits our members and increases our membership.

### **Executive Vice President**



**Mike Richards** ~ I believe my past experience as Arizona Director and as member of the Management and Salaried team that worked with the company during bankruptcy allow me to better serve the membership if I am elected to the position of Executive Vice President.

We must all understand that United Airlines is once again an airline in transition, a transition that will take time. There is currently an undercurrent of unhappiness everywhere; retirees, active employees and more importantly the customer. Active Employees about merged contracts and the outdated computer system now in use, Customers about lost reservations, lengthy hold times and lost privileges as frequent fliers and Retirees are rightly concerned about lost benefits promised. All these are valid issues and hopefully will be

addressed in a thoughtful manner.

Retirees come last, and although we may not like it, it's a fact of life. I worked with the company during the bankruptcy and along with several fellow retirees; we were able to negotiate a solution which allowed pre-bankruptcy retirees to retain affordable health insurance. We were able to do this because all issues were on the table at that time. Now there are other issues the Company must resolve first.

The most important is to repair the Customer Relations issues because without customers there would be no United Airlines. In order to do that UAL must resolve the employee issues because unhappy employees make unhappy customers. This means resolving union contracts and fixing the SHARES computer system. This is a priority that takes all of UAL Management's time and effort and pushes back on "Retiree concerns."

"Pass Travel" generates most Retiree concerns and having had some recent experience with the new plan, I understand the frustration. However, once the Customer and Employee issues are resolved we will have an excellent opportunity to convince UAL management that Retirees are a valuable asset and open discussion to make some changes. I would be honored to be a part of that discussion.

For thirty seven years I worked for United Airlines and after retirement, I was selected by the bankruptcy court to represent Management and Salaried employees during the bankruptcy proceedings. I have since been an active RUAEA member and currently serve as President of my local chapter and for the past three years have been Arizona Director. I would be now privileged to become the next Executive Vice-President and ask for your support and vote.

### **Vice President Conventions**



**Marilyn Marcy** ~ I started with United in 1962 as a reservations agent in CLERR, then moved to PITCS and after that, IADCS, where I retired in November 2001 as Supervisor of Customer Service Training. I became involved with RUAEA in 2006 at the Convention in DC where I served as the transportation and staffing chairperson. I was elected Secretary on the RUAEA Executive Committee in 2006 and served in that capacity until 2010. As Secretary, I helped plan activities at the Convention hotel and worked closely with the Convention hotel management team.

Upon my election in 2010 as VP – Conventions, I immediately started planning the convention with the Portland Committee for 2011, which was an extremely successful convention. I learned a great deal in PDX and will put those lessons into making the Convention in DC even better. I have become intimately involved with the contract negotiations and site selection also during the process and am now actively involved with the Dulles Loungers planning the 2012 convention.

We have made changes to the Convention this year, while still maintaining strong RUAEA traditions started in 1975. At the request of our membership, we have changed the date to October and have shortened the Convention to five days. Realizing the new retiree travel challenges that have arisen since the merger, I have tried to encourage our attendees to assess all available means of transportation to our Nation's Capital, as listed in the Convention Package.

I recently asked my 6 year old granddaughter if she liked her first year of school. She informed me she just didn't like it, "*she loved it*". I feel the same way about being VP of Conventions, "I love It" and welcome your help in allowing me to serve another term in this great position. Thank You!



**Rich Surma** ~ I am a Chicago native and it was there that I enlisted into the Air Force during the Vietnam War. During my military tenure, I traveled extensively throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific Rim. After discharge I still had the travel bug and in 1968, the opportunity to work for United Airlines presented itself. I started out as a data processor in EXOMA, an area in which I excelled, achieving many worthwhile endeavors such as secure programs for creating data on microfilm. As I continued my career, I moved to EXOKA training new hires and retired in 1997 after 29 years.

Retirement has been good to me as it gave me the opportunity to volunteer with RUAEA, creating colorful convention banquet brochures and pictorial layouts for our monthly RUAEA newsletters.

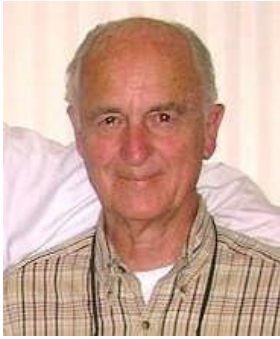
I believe I am a good fit for the job as VP of Conventions for RUAEA. I have worked extensively with the convention teams for a number of years and have demonstrated both planning and execution skills. As I have negotiated the audio visual portions of the convention contracts, I know how negotiations and cost effective products come into play for a successful convention. My innovative skills are evident by the audio visual presentations I have produced for RUAEA's most recent conventions.

One of my abilities is good people skills, being able to get along during easy and hard times. As VP of Conventions, I will not be afraid to make the tough decisions when it comes to cost cutting, but will always keep my eye on the goal of putting on a good cost effective convention.

Collecting Coca-Cola memorabilia, stamps and coins are some of my hobbies. I work closely with my church and school reunion producing videos and graphic advertisements. Also, I like to do home remodeling when time allows. I'm proud of my achievements in this area, being the recipient of several awards for landscaping from the village of Streamwood. Other interests include sports team photography and making trophies. In addition, I like to cook and decorate cakes for special occasions.

I feel I am qualified to be the next VP of Conventions and will do a great job if you vote for me!

**Treasurer**



**Anton (Tony) Seidl** ~ In 1957, after four years in the Air Force as a mechanic, I joined Capital Airlines. After the United-Capital merger in 1961, I transferred to SFO. There I joined Tech Services as a Maintenance Specialist for sheet metal and composites. I retired as Senior Staff Rep, Engineering in 1993. I worked for UA part-time for an additional nine years in Standards Engineering, specifying materials and aircraft hardware until UA declared bankruptcy.

In addition, I worked for NASA on SOFIA airborne telescope project writing documentation to get aircraft ready for first flight.

Since 2010, I have served as RUAEA's Treasurer.

### **Secretary**



**Diane Griego** ~ I was employed as a Stewardess in 1960, flying from SEA and SFO. After marriage in 1964, I had an administrative position in Stewardess Service before transferring to Reservations, and then to Customer Service; both in SFO. In 2001 after 41 years, I retired as International Ticket Counter Coordinator/Service Director. I was the recipient of a Reservations Award of Merit and Customer Service Best Airline, Entrepreneurial Excellence and Division Awards.

As a member of the East Bay Diablos Chapter since my retirement, I have served as the chapter's Newsletter Correspondent, cashier, order coordinator with the restaurant for their regular meetings and activities coordinator for their Picnic and Day at the Races events.

Aside from RUAEA, I volunteer with the Contra Costa County Monument Crisis Center and Crisis Resolution Services. I also work with the County Library system in the Early Literacy program for 3 to 5 year olds. In my leisure time, I read, garden and travel.

For the last two years, I have served RUAEA as Secretary and I ask for your vote to continue in that position.

### **Director – Midwest Region**



**Helen Cauwels** ~ In 1962, I was employed by United and served in Treasury, Statistics and management in Airplane Scheduling. In 1987, after twenty-five years of service, I took early retirement.

I have served RUAEA in many various positions. I was appointed as RUAEA National Secretary in 2000 and elected two subsequent terms for a total of six years. Also, I co-chaired the 2003 CHI Convention Tour Committee, served on the RUAEA Site Selection Committee for four years and am currently the Director-Midwest Region. I am Vice President of the Skyliner Board (the Chicago chapter of RUAEA.)

In addition, I am President of both my condo building Board and the Master Board of my condominium complex. I am active in the Rolling Meadows Senior Center, serving on the Board of Directors, volunteering as Secretary one morning a week and serving as an Escort on day trips from the Center.

On a personal note, widowed since 1984, I am the proud Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother of 3 Sons, 1 Daughter, 7 Grandchildren, and to date 12 Great Grandchildren.

The merger presents RUAEA's greatest challenge to increase membership. I will continue to keep the Midwest Region Chapters apprised of "changes."

### **Director - Western Region**





**Roger Casterline** ~ In 1965, I was hired in SFOEG as an Aircraft Engineer. From 1980-1991, I was Director of Aircraft Technical services and retired as Manager of Engineering Systems in 1994.

I am a member of the Redwood Empire in Santa Rosa, and volunteer in meeting, hosting and as a driver for aged and handicapped persons. In my leisure time, I enjoy golf, travel and riding my motorcycle

For the past four years I have been RUAEA Western Region Director. I would like to get younger retirees to join and participate in RUAEA and local chapter activities since the existing chapter membership is aging and not being replaced.

#### **Director - Northern California/Nevada Region**



**John Zoboli** ~ I was hired 1967 as an Engine Maintenance Mechanic in SFOPQ and retired in 1999 from SFOWR as a Foreman – Engine Maintenance, all at the Maintenance Base. During that time, I received many awards of recognition including a 10,000 Suggestion Award from Eddie Carlson, MOC Open House Award for Shop Displays, formal Awards of Appreciation, Employment West – Contributions to the School Program, Safety Department Certificate of Appreciation and Safety Gold Award in the Engine Maintenance Department.

For the past four years, I have been RUAEA Regional Director – Northern California/Nevada. Also, I am the President of the Sierra Roundup chapter in RNO. My wife, Patricia, is also a UAL retiree. In retirement, we continue to be involved with our community volunteering at the local food bank. We travel, read and explore Nevada.

I see the need for RUAEA to grow with new members and increase the number of local chapters as we recently have seen in Northern California.

#### **Director - Arizona Region**



**Bob Hallden** ~ I retired in 1990 after 35 years. RNO was my first station, then SFOTR, and lastly SJCOZ. All the time was in Ground Service/Passenger Service/Customer Service, dividing my time between agent and management. At SFO passenger service, I was fortunate to witness many changes in operations that were first inaugurated at SFO. RNO and SJC were typical line stations. RNO was the last UAL owned station, sold just about 3 years before I started in 1955 and I was involved in opening up a new station, SJC, in 1969.

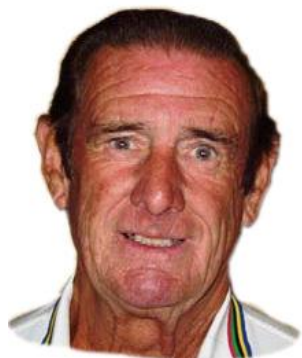
My first involvement with retirees was with Sacramento Gold Diggers, becoming chapter VP/President 1993/1994. Meeting so many retirees from all walks-of-life and job descriptions, I felt fortunate when asked to join the RUAEA site selection committee. This was from May 1995 to May 1996. In May of 1996, I was appointed as RUAEA Director for Northern CA/Northern NV until May of 1998. In 2001, I was again appointed a member of the Site Selection Committee becoming chairman in 2002 until 2006. During this time period, we brought you our conventions in Hollywood, Washington DC, Sacramento, and Pittsburgh. From 2006 I worked with VP of Conventions, Hank Gosselin for the next 4 years as his A/VP.

Being active with the Re-United chapter in the Phoenix area, I have made many friends in the other AZ chapters and would like to expand my involvement with them as our RUAEA Director for AZ.

Since retiring, I have become an avid reader and now never leave the house without my Kindle e-reader. The first 10 years of retirement, I sincerely tried developing my lousy golf game only to realize I'd never get any better at it. So I gave it up before moving to AZ only then to find my retiree development has 5 golf courses. Before my wife's passing, we travelled in our motor home throughout most of the western states. I still have it,

but the trips are more infrequent. Retirement has been great, but now when someone asks if I'm working, I respond "I'm in between jobs". Recently, I've found a time filler. Locally, a hospital is adding a tower wing that could double the patient load. They need volunteers so there ends my "in-between-jobs".

### **Director - Southern California**

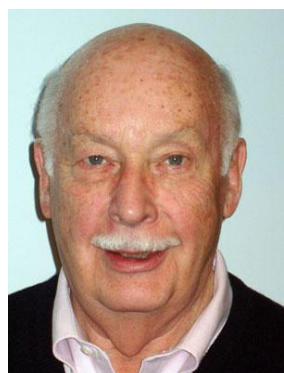


**Howard Lackey** ~ During my junior year in high school, I joined United as a temporary employee at SFODS. I had the same position in senior year and freshman year of college, and graduated from San Jose State University.

In 1963, I became a full time Food Service Clerk. went to EXOSB as a Budget Analyst in 1966. My other positions include, Budget Analyst in LAXVR and Regional Analyst in SFOVG, back to Food Services: Business Manager in LAXHH, Assistant to the President of Food Services in EXOHH, Manager of Food Services in LASHH. I completed my career in LAXOZ as Administrative Representative in Station Operations.

I have been Vice President of the Re-Laxers since 1999, Assistant General Chairman of the Hollywood convention in 2005, and Director – Southern California Region since 2006. Volunteer activities also include assisting at the Special Olympics – Southern California and the Red Cross Blood Services. In my leisure time, I like to swim, hike and sail.

### **Director-Northwest Region**



**Jack Hooper** ~ I started my career in 1966 as a pilot in ORDFO, worked as Line Check Airman 1985-1989 and retired in 1993 as Captain in LAXFO. I joined the Oregon Dewers in 1993; served as chapter Pres. 2000-2004.

After I was appointed RUAEA's Regional Director-Northwest in May, 2006, I served through May 2011. Then in the spring of 2012, I was appointed once again to the Regional Director position. My wife, Nancy and I served as co-chairpersons of the 2011 Portland RUAEA convention. Currently, I am Commissioner of the East County Fire & Rescue out of Washougal, Washington.

My leisure activities include the Vancouver Rifle & Pistol Club; reading; travel; & taking care of my 5 acres. I am joined in all my retirement activities by my wife, Nancy. Prior to joining United, I graduated from Purdue in 1955 with a BSEE degree. I was a Naval Aviator 1955-1959 & in the Reserves until 1972. Also, I worked at General Motors in the AC Electronics Division on the Apollo Program as Inertial Navigation Systems Engineer 1960-1965

I would like to see RUAEA attract & keep as many United Retirees as members as possible; stimulate chapter growth across the country; support the UAHF by promoting monetary contributions & artifacts. I would like to see RUAEA continue to be as proactive as possible while maintaining the social aspects of our organization.

### **Director- Florida Region**



**Paul Brown** ~ Hired in 1955 by Capital Airlines, I worked as a Station Agent at Midway Airport in Chicago. And, after a two year stint in the Army, I went to Memphis as a Station Agent. After the merger with United Airlines, I worked most of my career in the Food Service Division, retiring in 1999 as a Food Service Representative. As United Airlines expanded its international routes, I was the company's liaison with caterers in Europe, Asia and Australia/New Zealand. My contributions were recognized with five Awards of Merit, numerous Customer Service recognition awards and letters, the Southeast Region Award in 1987, as well as the 1991 Food Service Division Special Achievement Award.



I have served as RUAEA Florida Regional Director for the past four years and have been active in the Orlando Real McCoys chapter, as President for a few years. My work in Food Services rubbed off, as I am an accomplished chef. My wife, Helga, currently is still working in a law firm in Orlando. I believe RUAEA should become a more action oriented proactive voice for all retirees. I see a need to increase membership, especially in the local chapters, involving more retirees from union classifications.

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